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HOLIDAY FUN WITH ALL YOUR FAVORITES

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WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST OPENED YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING AND FOUND A FOOT IN IT!
I DON'T KNOW, BARNEY... I JUST DON'T HAVE THE OL' CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!
FRED, WOULD YOU PLEASE GO DOWN TO THE POST OFFICE AND MAIL OUT THE PARTY INVITATIONS?
SURE, WILMA...
HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR DAYS NOW!
LOOKS LIKE FRED'S GOT A CASE OF THE JINGLE BELL BLUES!
I DON'T GET IT! OTHER FOLKS ARE HAPPY... OTHER FOLKS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS...
HEY, FLINTSTONE! TAKE A LOOK AT OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY! I'VE BEEN SETTING IT UP SINCE JULY 8!
TERRIFIC.
YULETIDE GREETINGS FROM THE GROSSROCK FAMILY
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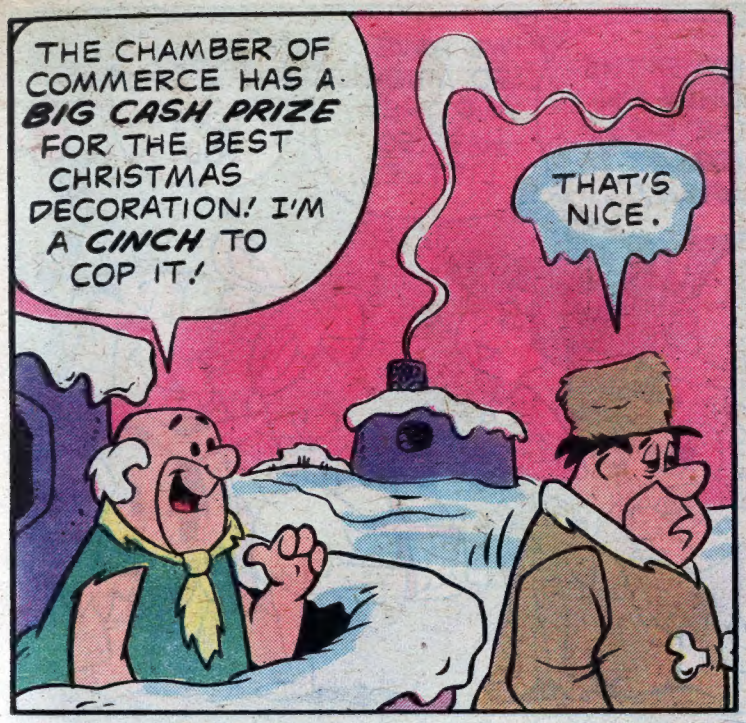
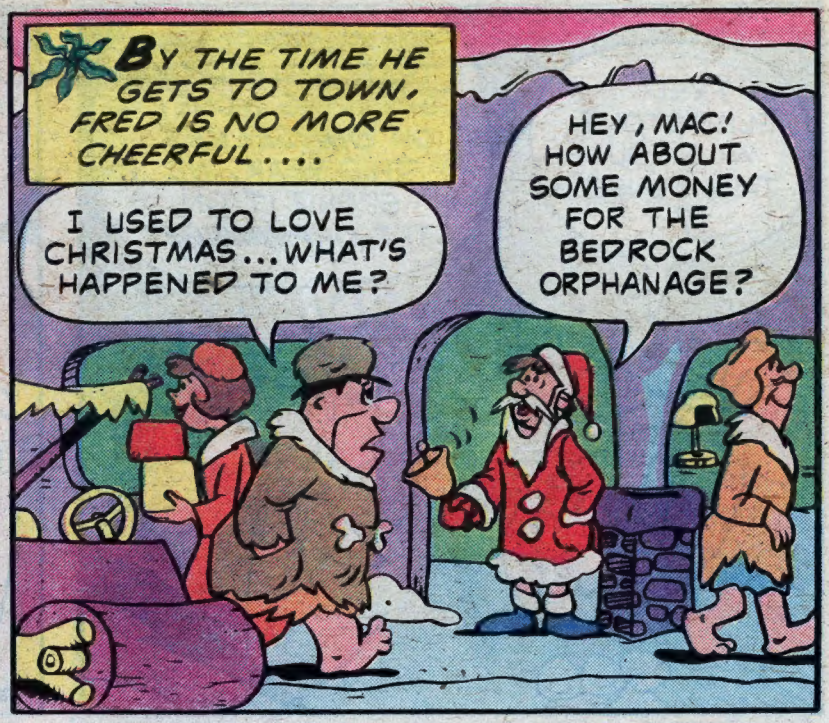

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS A BIG CASH PRIZE FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATION! I'M A CINCH TO COP IT!
THAT'S NICE.


BY THE TIME HE GETS TO TOWN, FRED IS NO MORE CHEERFUL....
I USED TO LOVE CHRISTMAS...WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
HEY, MAC! HOW ABOUT SOME MONEY FOR THE BEDROCK ORPHANAGE?

MAYBE IF WE WENT OUT CAROLLING, THAT WOULD SNAP ME OUT OF IT...
THANKS! AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

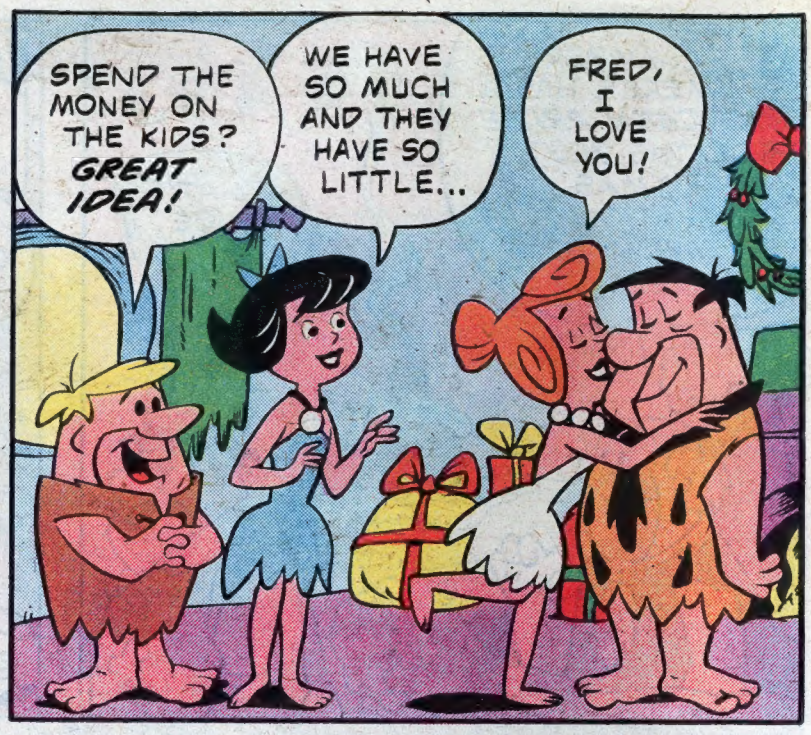
...BEDROCK ORPHANAGE...
THAT'S IT!

YABBA DABBA DOO! YOU JUST SAID THE MAGIC WORDS!
ALL I SAID WAS "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

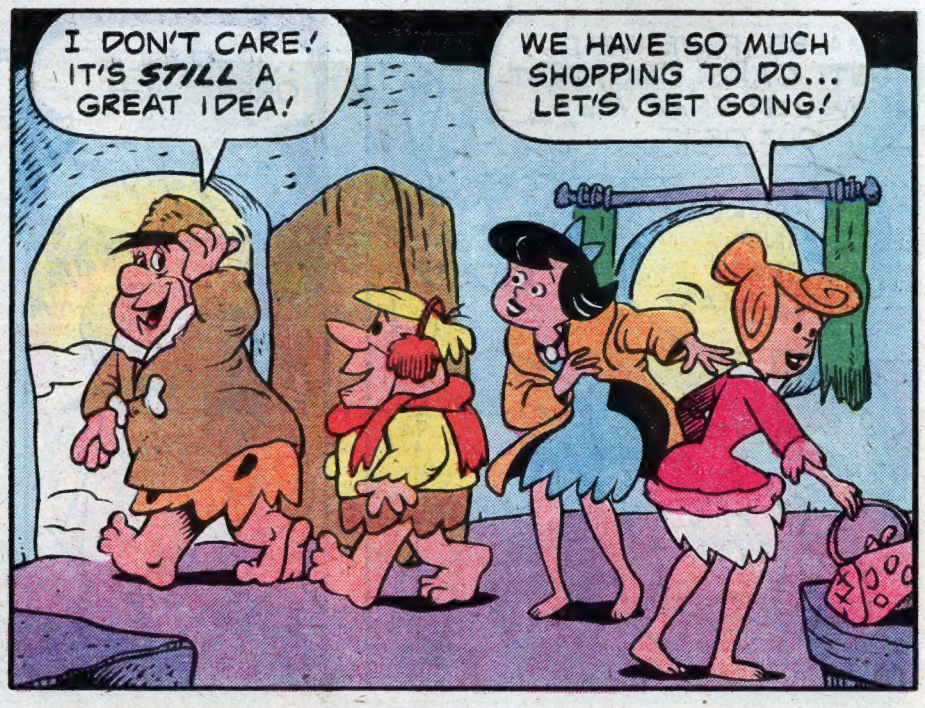
THIS IS TERRIFIC! STUPENDOUS!
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T WISH HIM A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

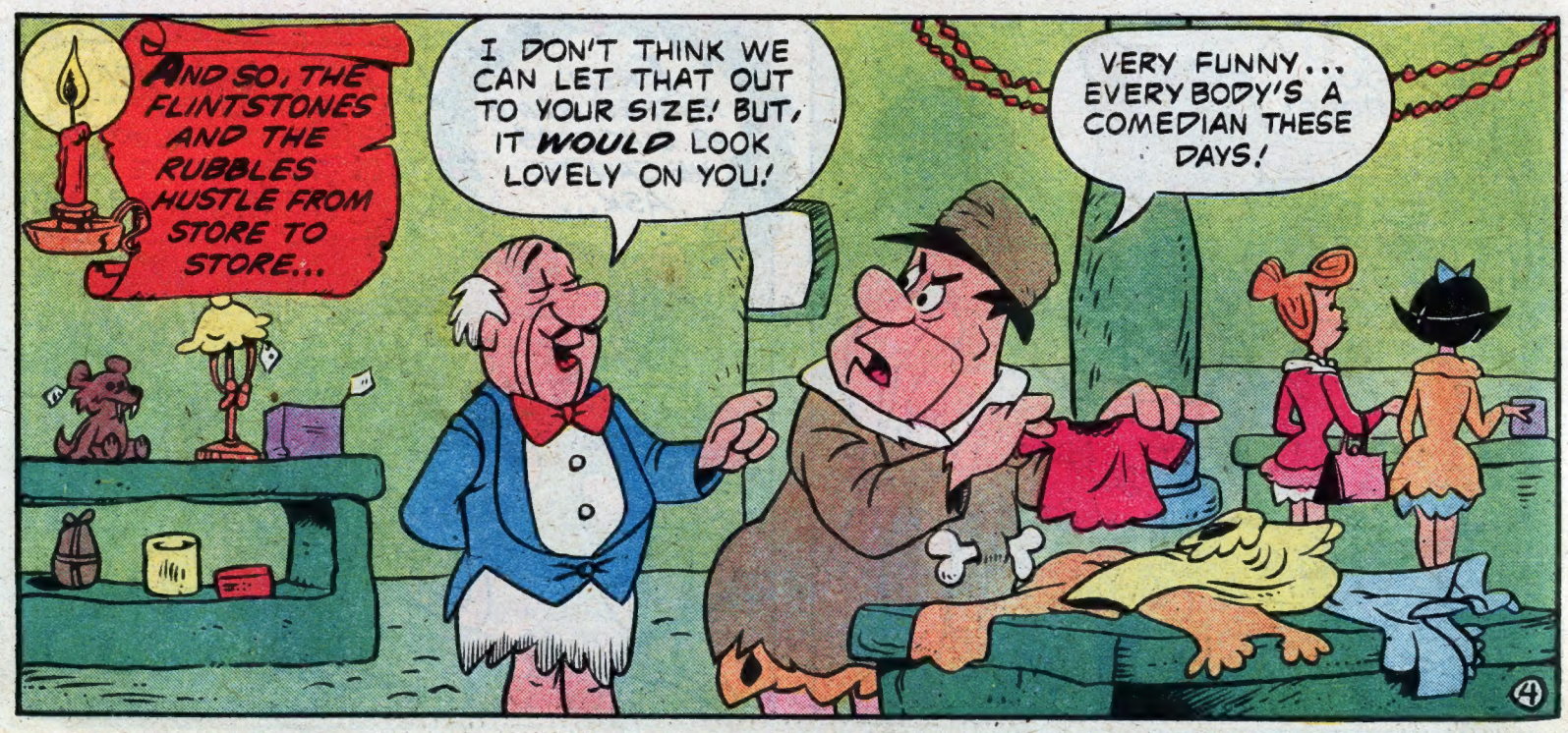
FRED RUSHES HOME AS QUICK AS HE CAN TO ASK...
"THE HAPPIEST DAY OF OUR LIVES?" I GUESS IT WOULD BE THE DAY WE ADOPTED BAMM BAMM!
PRECISELY!

FRED FLINTSTONE, WILL YOU TALK SENSE ?
I'M SUGGESTING THAT, INSTEAD OF SPENDING MONEY ON OURSELVES THIS YEAR, WE SPEND IT ON THE ORPHANAGE!

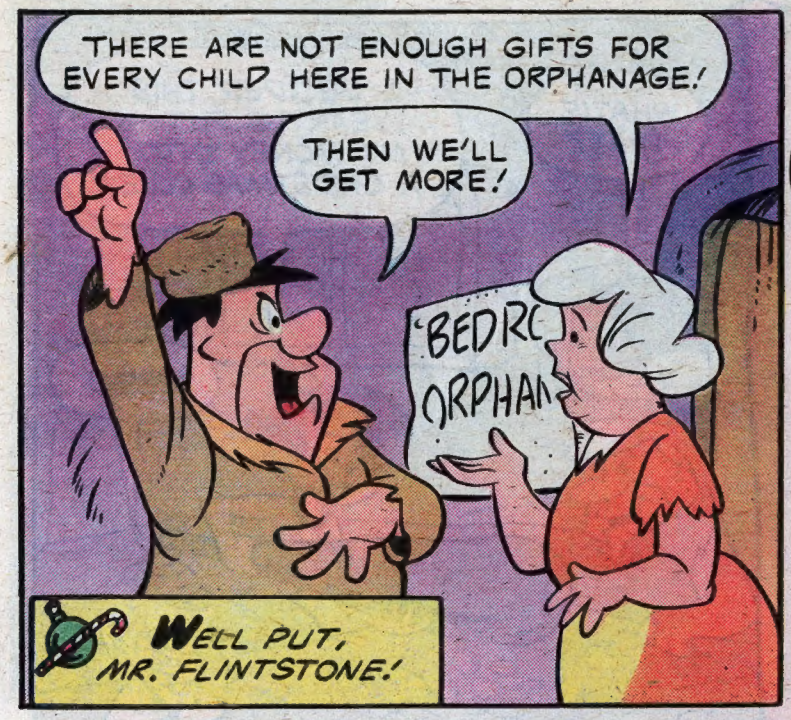

SPEND THE MONEY ON THE KIDS? GREAT IDEA!
WE HAVE SO MUCH AND THEY HAVE SO LITTLE...
FRED, I LOVE YOU!

I'LL TAKE BACK THIS NEW BOWLING BALL I BOUGHT YOU AND BUY GIFTS FOR THE ORPHANS!
(GULP!) N-N-NEW BOWLING BALL???

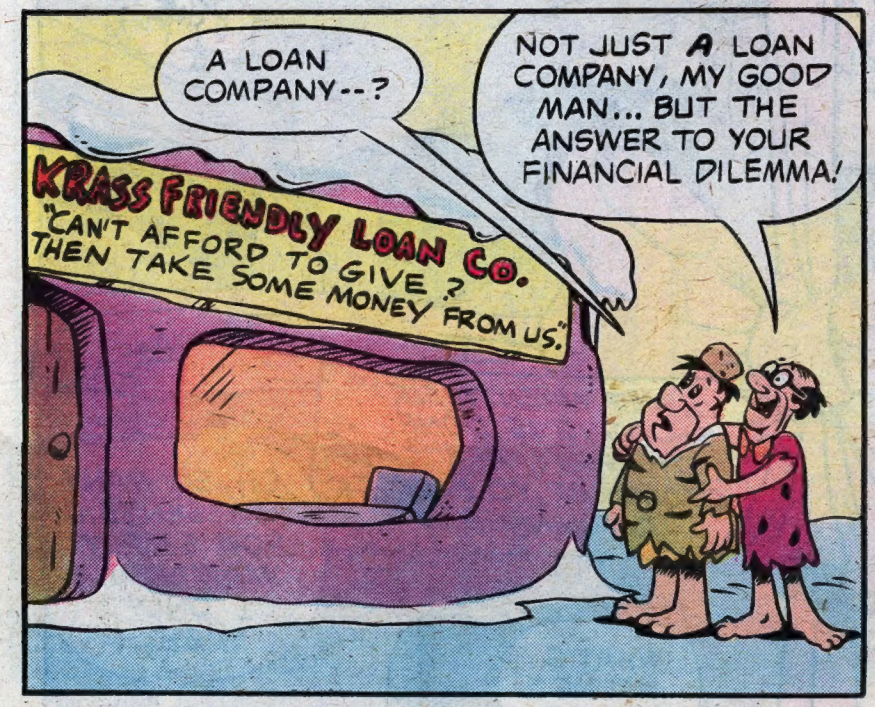

I DON'T CARE! IT'S STILL A GREAT IDEA!
WE HAVE SO MUCH SHOPPING TO DO... LET'S GET GOING!

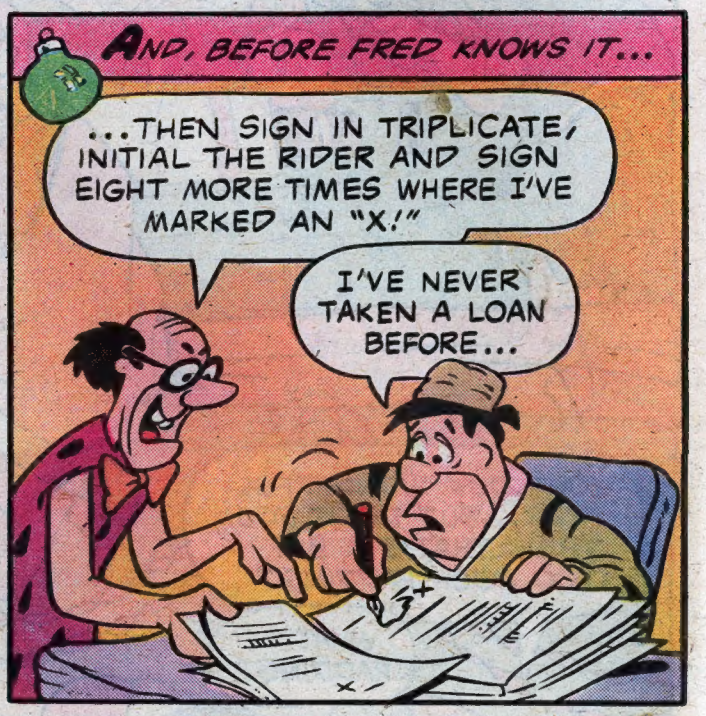

AND SO, THE FLINTSTONES AND THE RUBBLES HUSTLE FROM STORE TO STORE...
I DON'T THINK WE CAN LET THAT OUT TO YOUR SIZE! BUT, IT WOULD LOOK LOVELY ON YOU!
VERY FUNNY... EVERYBODY'S A COMEDIAN THESE DAYS!

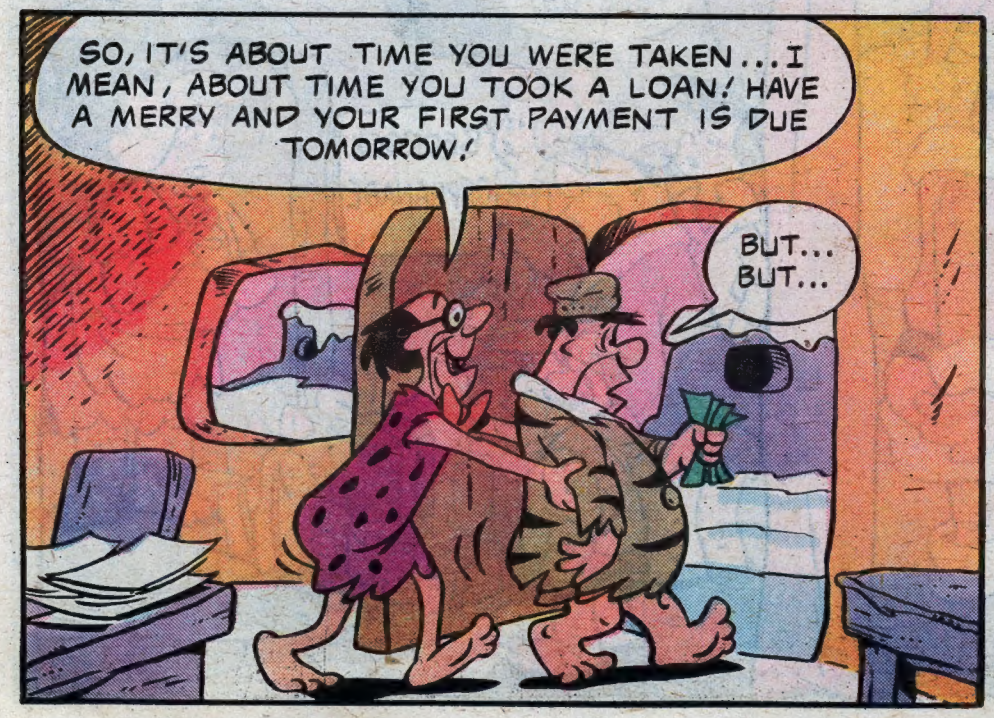
THAT'LL BE $47.28! HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR IT, LADIES?
CHARGE IT!
WHAT'S THAT?
I DECIDED THIS YEAR TO PUT MY MONEY INTO A CHRISTMAS CLUB!
YEESH!
YOU LOOK WONDERFUL, FRED...BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A BIT TOO MUCH PADDING?
WHAT PADDING?
...AND WHEN THEIR SHOPPING IS DONE, THE GIFTS ARE DELIVERED TO BEDROCK ORPHANAGE...
WHAT'S WRONG? TELL US!
BEDROCK ORPHANAGE
OH, SO MANY PRESENTS... HOW SIMPLY WONDERFUL! I ONLY WISH...


THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH GIFTS FOR EVERY CHILD HERE IN THE ORPHANAGE!
THEN WE'LL GET MORE!
BEDRC ORPHAN
WELL PUT, MR. FLINTSTONE!

BUT THE NEXT DAY. ONE TEENSY-WEENSY PROBLEM...
... NO MONEY!
SHORT OF FUNDS, SIR? MAYHAPS I CAN BE OF HELP...

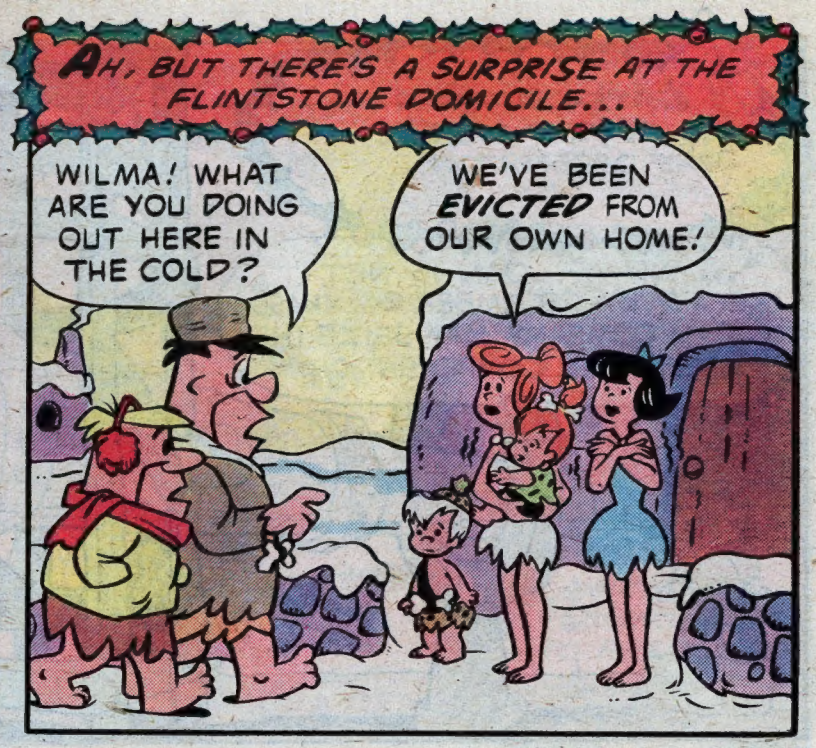

A LOAN COMPANY--?
NOT JUST A LOAN COMPANY, MY GOOD MAN... BUT THE ANSWER TO YOUR FINANCIAL DILEMMA!
KRASS FRIENDLY LOAN CO.
"CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE ? THEN TAKE SOME MONEY FROM US."

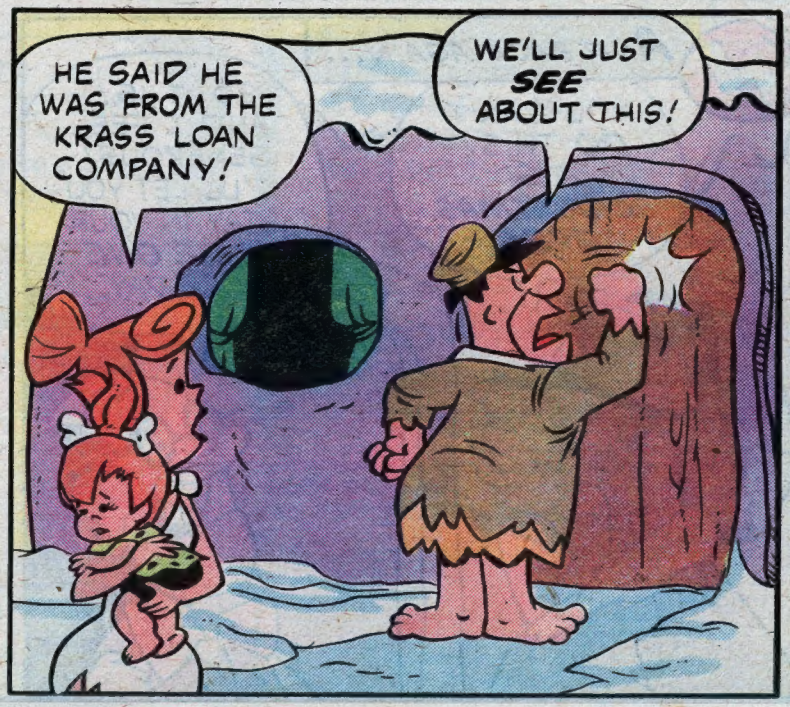

AND, BEFORE FRED KNOWS IT...
...THEN SIGN IN TRIPLICATE, INITIAL THE RIDER AND SIGN EIGHT MORE TIMES WHERE I'VE MARKED AN "X!"
I'VE NEVER TAKEN A LOAN BEFORE...


SO, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WERE TAKEN... I MEAN, ABOUT TIME YOU TOOK A LOAN! HAVE A MERRY AND YOUR FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE TOMORROW!
BUT... BUT...

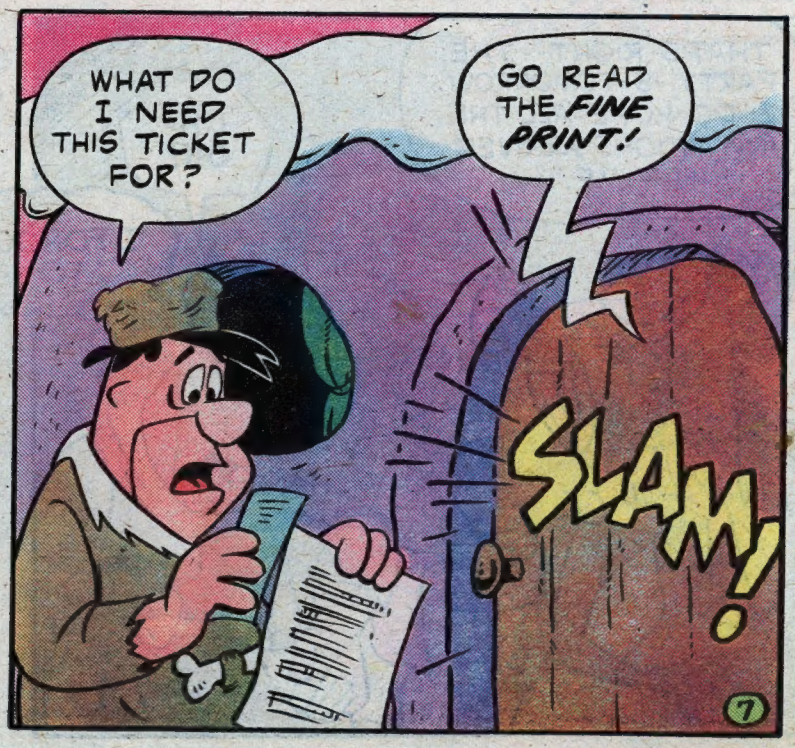
OH, WELL... I'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY PRESENTS FOR ALL THE REST OF THE KIDS!
BETTER GET TO IT!

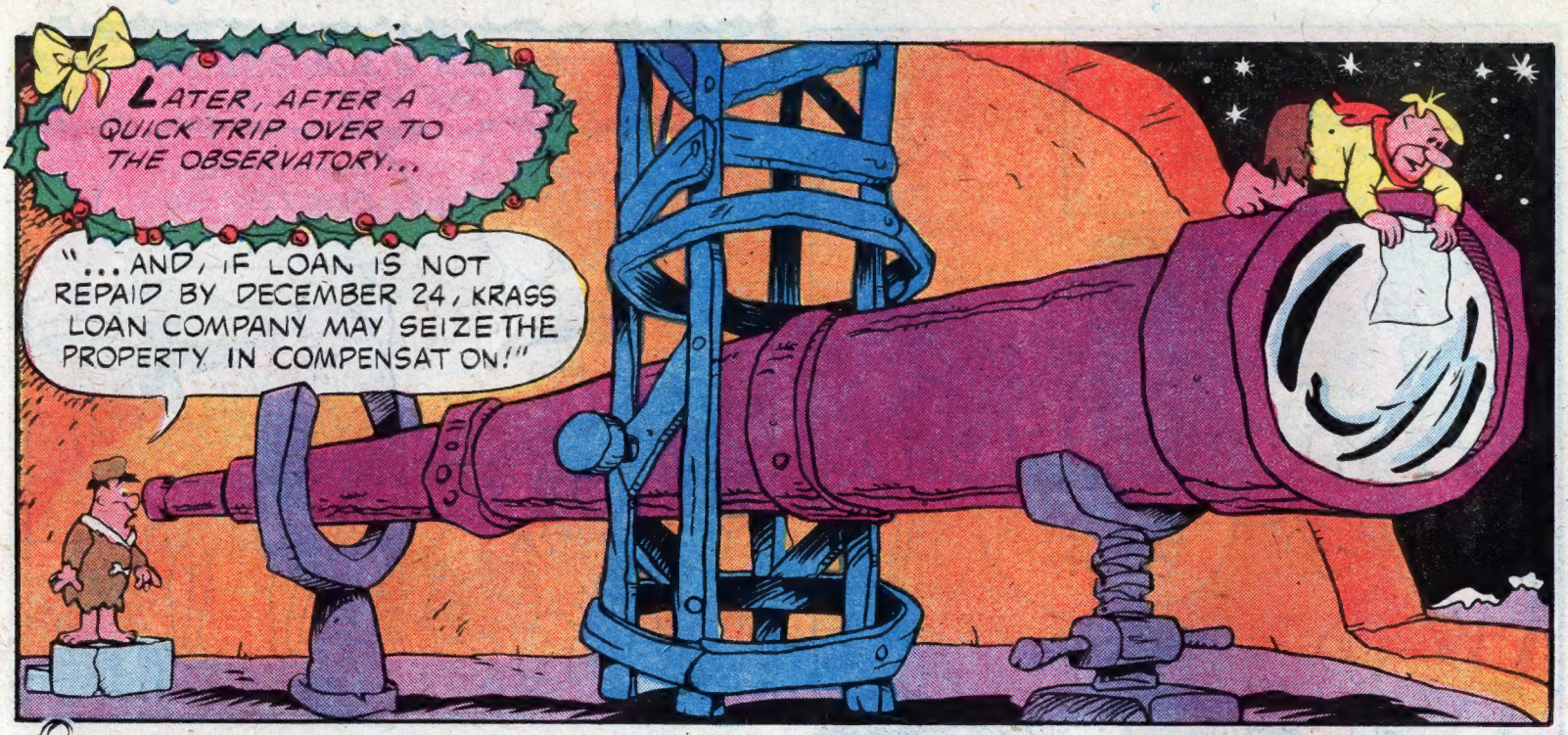
THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE FINAL DELIVERY IS MADE...
YOU ARE SO KIND...
JUST SEE THAT SANTA GETS THE CREDIT!
WE'LL BE BACK LATER WITH MORE ORNAMENTS!

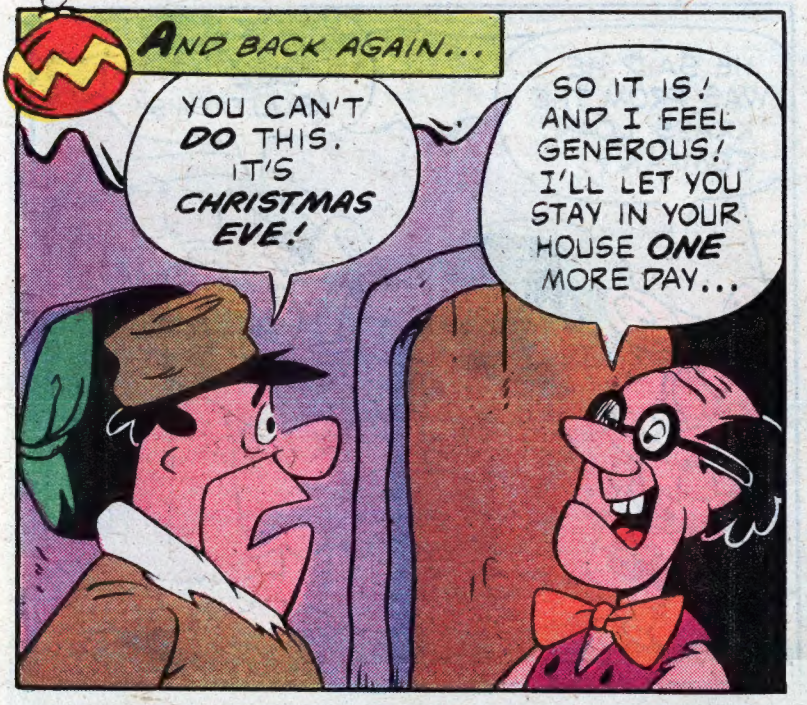

AH, BUT THERE'S A SURPRISE AT THE FLINTSTONE DOMICILE...
WILMA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE COLD?
WE'VE BEEN EVICTED FROM OUR OWN HOME!

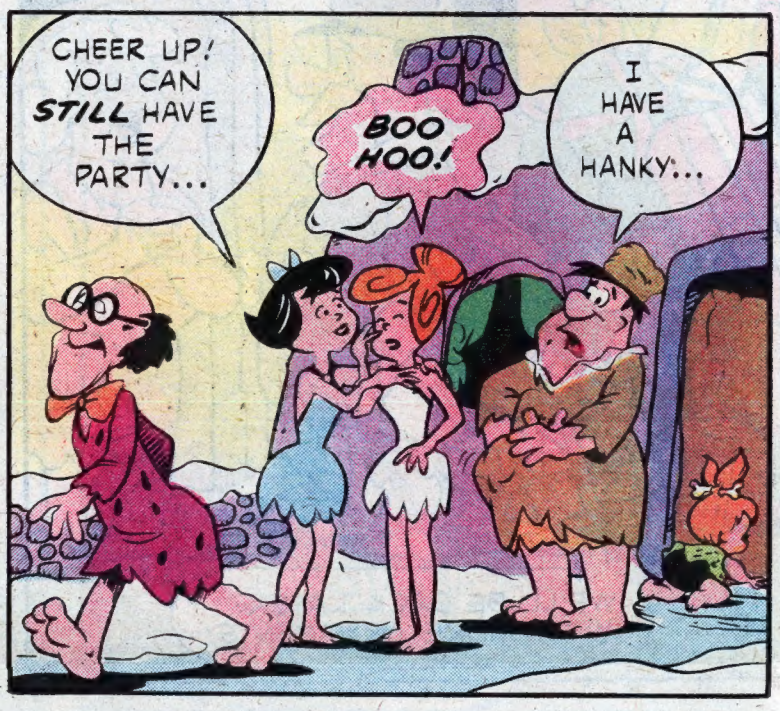

HE SAID HE WAS FROM THE KRASS LOAN COMPANY!
WE'LL JUST SEE ABOUT THIS!

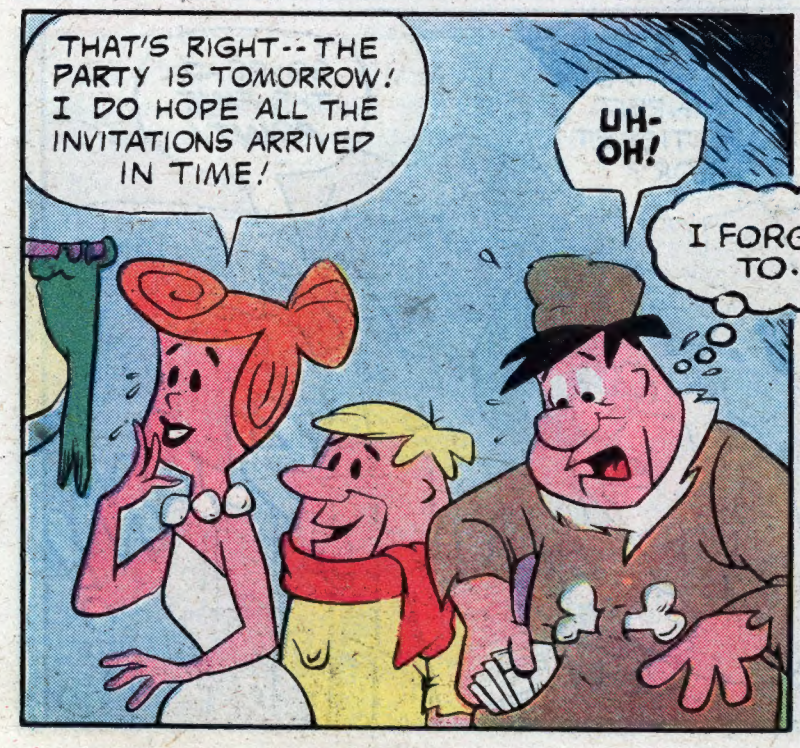
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO THROW US OUT OF OUR HOUSE... ESPECIALLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
HERE'S A COPY OF THE CONTRACT YOU SIGNED... AND A TICKET TO THE MOUNT ROCKWELL OBSERVATORY!

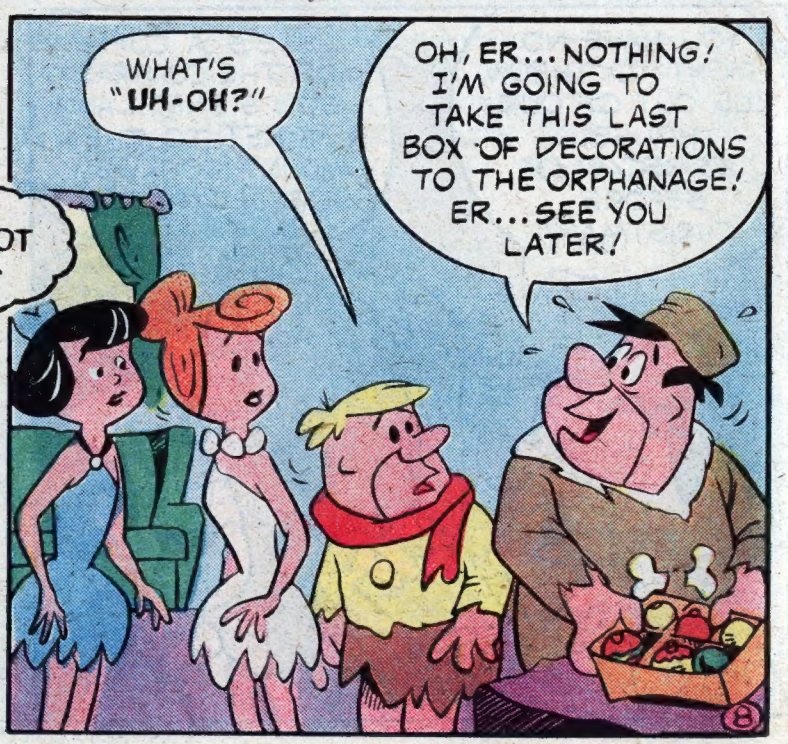

WHAT DO I NEED THIS TICKET FOR?
GO READ THE FINE PRINT!
SLAM!

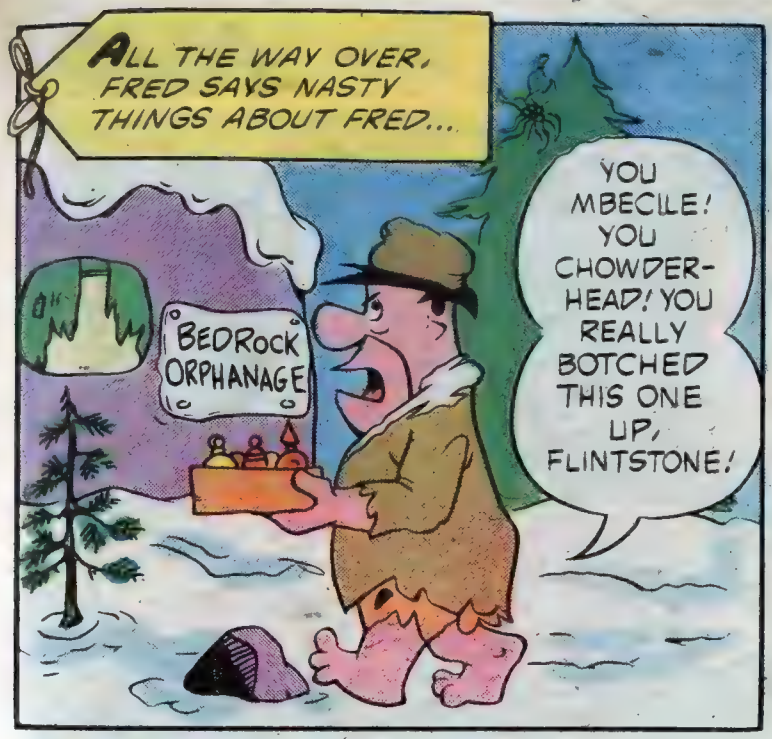

LATER, AFTER A QUICK TRIP OVER TO THE OBSERVATORY...
"...AND, IF LOAN IS NOT REPAID BY DECEMBER 24, KRASS LOAN COMPANY MAY SEIZE THE PROPERTY IN COMPENSAT ON!"


AND BACK AGAIN...
YOU CAN'T DO THIS. IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!
SO IT IS! AND I FEEL GENEROUS! I'LL LET YOU STAY IN YOUR HOUSE ONE MORE DAY...


CHEER UP! YOU CAN STILL HAVE THE PARTY...
BOO HOO!
I HAVE A HANKY...


THAT'S RIGHT--THE PARTY IS TOMORROW! I DO HOPE ALL THE INVITATIONS ARRIVED IN TIME!
UH-OH!
I FORGOT TO...


WHAT'S "UH-OH?"
OH, ER... NOTHING! I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS LAST BOX OF DECORATIONS TO THE ORPHANAGE! ER... SEE YOU LATER!


ALL THE WAY OVER, FRED SAYS NASTY THINGS ABOUT FRED...
BEDROCK ORPHANAGE
YOU MBECILE! YOU CHOWDER-HEAD! YOU REALLY BOTCHED THIS ONE UP, FLINTSTONE!

WHOOPS!
THAT DOES IT! I'M GOING HOME! EVERYTHING'S GONE WRONG!
BEDROCK ORPHANAGE
UNKNOWN TO FRED, HE IS BEING OBSERVED...

POOR FRED... HE'S DONE SUCH GOOD THINGS FOR THE ORPHANAGE...
BEDROCK ORPHANAGE
I EVEN FORGOT TO MAIL THE INVITATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY! NOW IT'S TOO LATE! WILMA WILL BE SO DISAPPOINTED!

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE AT CHRISTMAS TIME FOR GOOD THINGS TO HAPPEN! I'LL SEE TO T THE FLINTSTONES ARE NOT DISAPPOINTED... EVEN IF I HAVE TO BRING THE GUESTS MYSELF!

BUT FIRST, THIS LITTLE TREE NEEDS A BIT OF "IMPROVING"... WITH MY MAGICAL TWINKLE DUST!

SO, WITH NOT SO MUCH AS A "HO, HO, HO," SANTA IS OFF AND AWAY...

AND AS HE GOES OUT OF SIGHT, THE LITTLE TREE CONTINUES TO GROW AND GLOW WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!

CHAPTER TWO

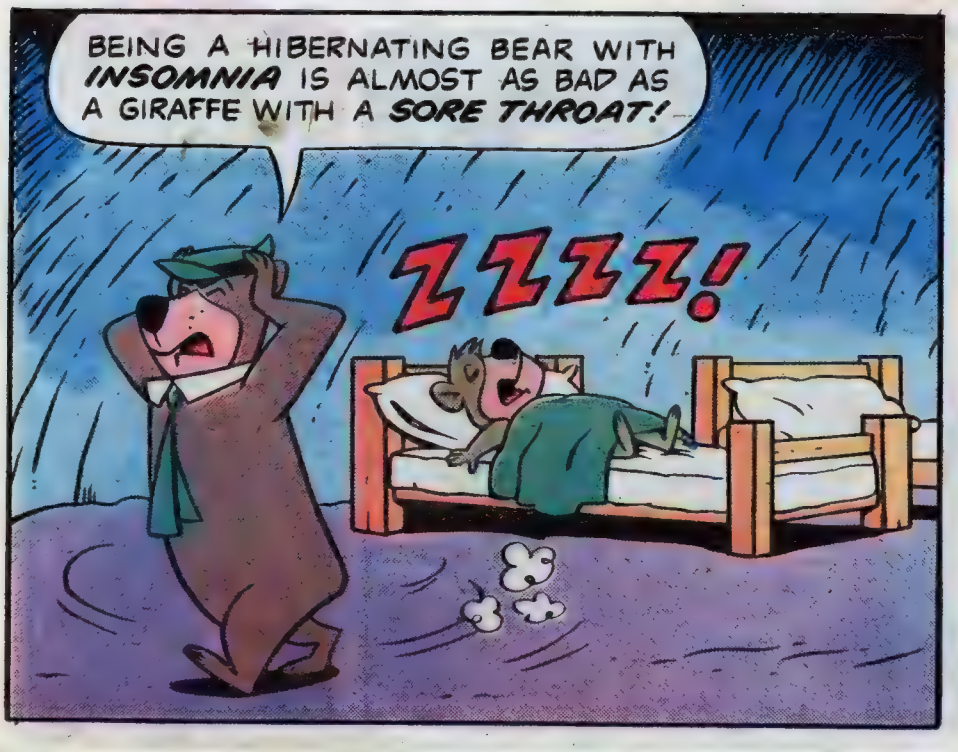
HIBERNATING WITH YOGI

MEANTIME, LET'S LOOK IN ON ANOTHER OLD FRIEND... AS YOU KNOW, BEARS USUALLY HIBERNATE IN THE WINTER, BUT NOT YOGI... HE'S MORE UNUSUAL THAN THE USUAL BEAR...

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOGI: HE'S A NATURAL-BORN EXCEPTION...

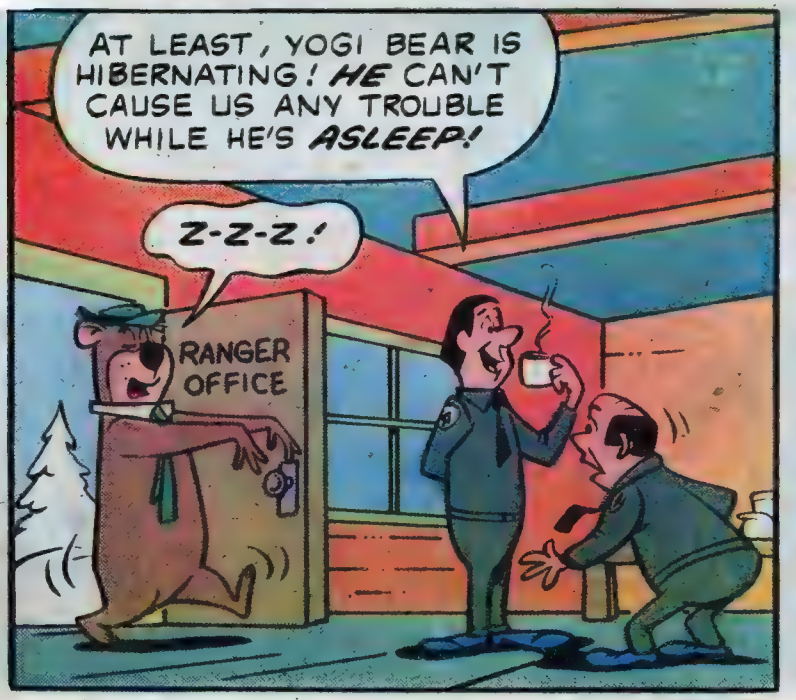
BOO-BOO'S MAKING SO MUCH NOISE I CAN'T SLEEP! HE'S SAWING UP MORE WOOD THAN THE WHOLE LUMBERJACK'S UNION!

Z-Z-Z-Z



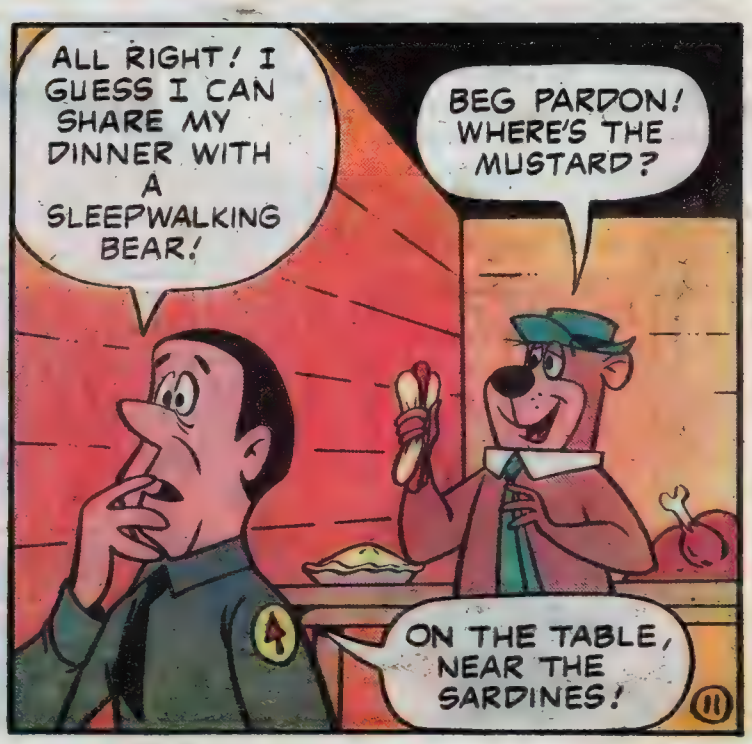
MMMM... I SMELL GOODIES FROM YON RANGER CABIN! MAYBE A LITTLE SNACKEROONIE WILL SEND ME TO BEDDY-BYE LAND!
RANGER OFFICE

YOU DON'T MIND WORKING HERE ON CHRISTMAS, PETE?
NO! MATTER O' FACT, MY WIFE AND I HAD A BIG SPAT! ...SO I'M "COOLING" IT THIS YEAR!


AT LEAST, YOGI BEAR IS HIBERNATING! HE CAN'T CAUSE US ANY TROUBLE WHILE HE'S ASLEEP!
Z-Z-Z!
RANGER OFFICE

OH, NO!... HE'S FOUND A WAY TO DO THAT, TOO!
NEVER AWAKEN A SLEEPWALKER! IT'S DANGEROUS!
Z-Z-Z

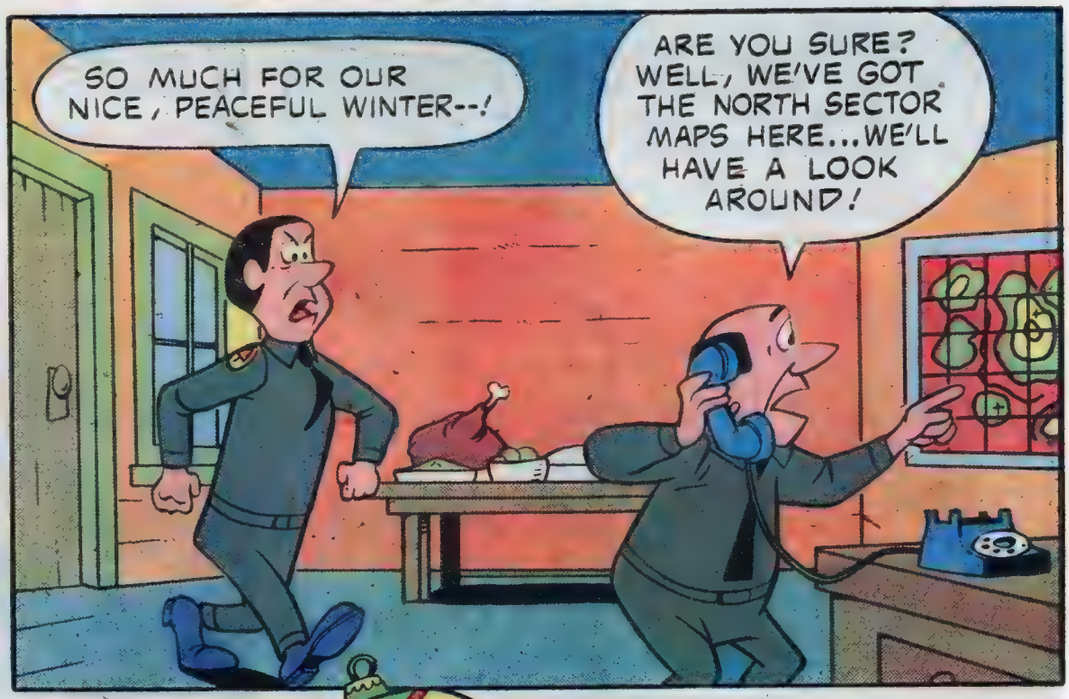
HE'S NOT SLEEPWALKING! HE'S SLEEPEATING!
JUST THE SAME, YOU CAN'T WAKE HIM UP!
Z-Z-Z


ALL RIGHT! I GUESS I CAN SHARE MY DINNER WITH A SLEEPWALKING BEAR!
BEG PARDON! WHERE'S THE MUSTARD?
ON THE TABLE, NEAR THE SARDINES!

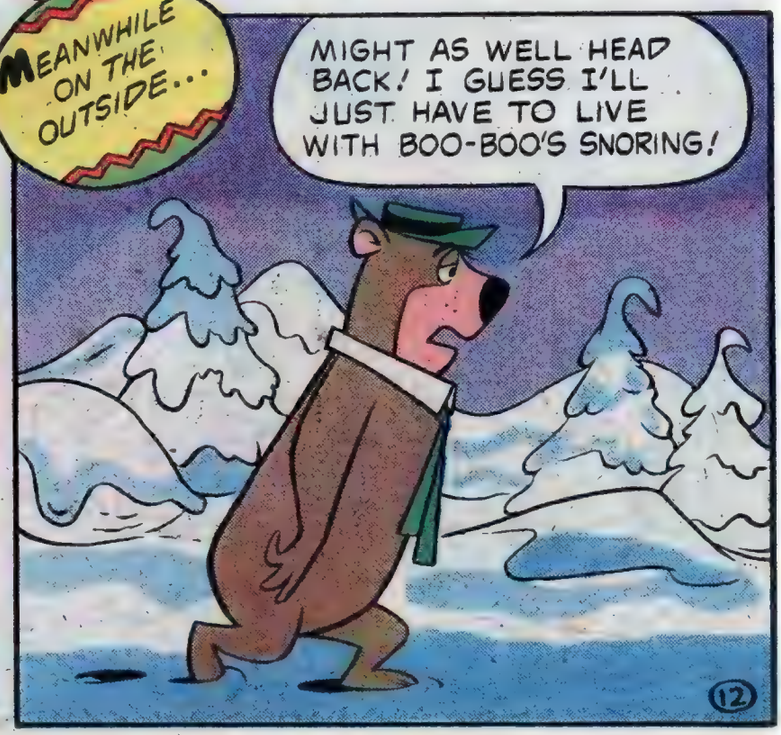
Z-Z-Z-

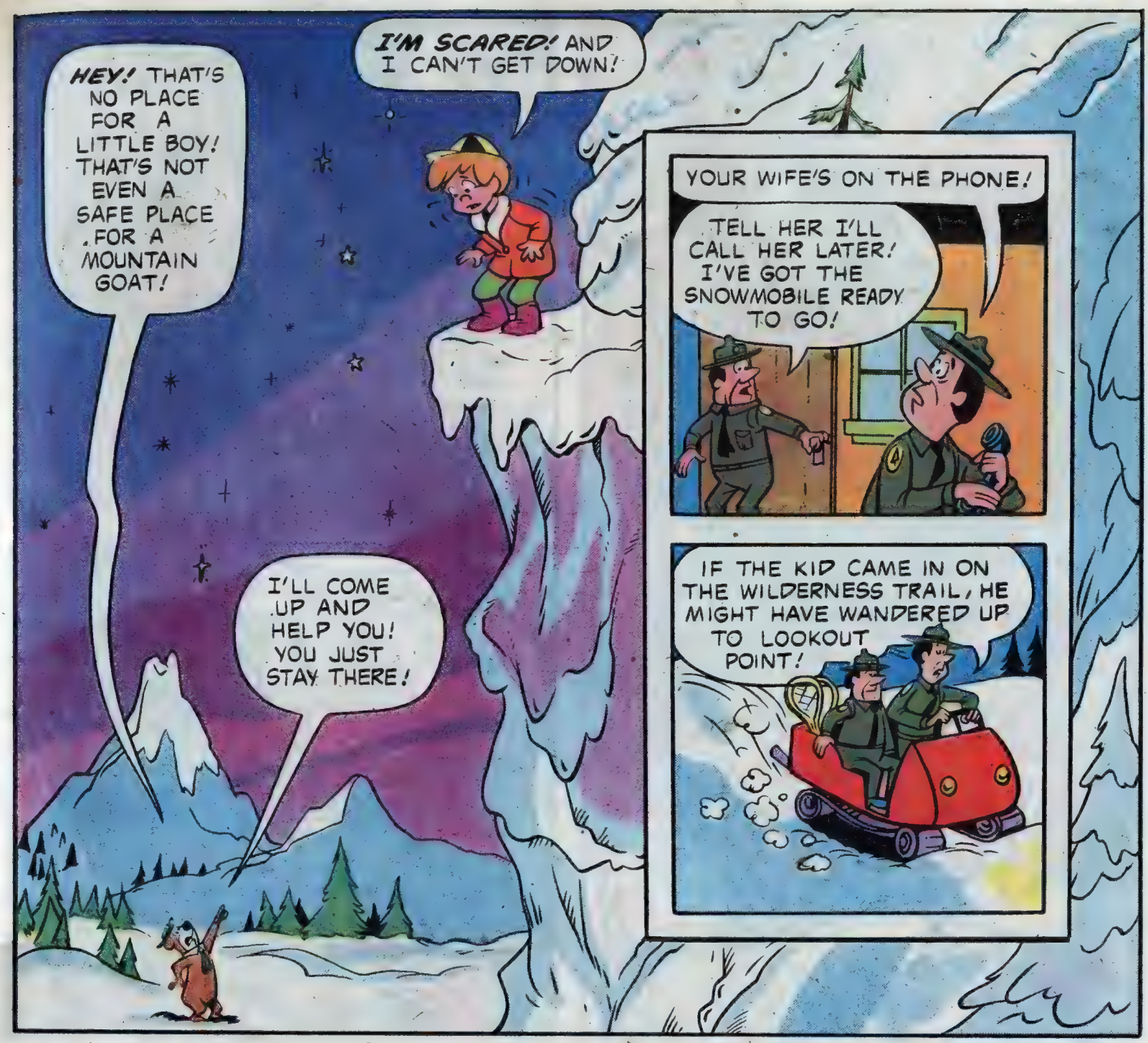
OUT, OUT, OUT!
MAY SANTA BRING YOU A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL-SMOG FOR CHRISTMAS!

COMPARED TO HIM, EBENEEZER SCROOGE WAS "MISS CONGENIALITY!"


SO MUCH FOR OUR NICE, PEACEFUL WINTER--!
ARE YOU SURE? WELL, WE'VE GOT THE NORTH SECTOR MAPS HERE...WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

WE'VE GOT A LOST BOY... FOUR-FOOT-EIGHT, ABOUT EIGHTY POUNDS! LOOKS LIKE A RUNAWAY!
GO GET THE SNOWMOBILE!

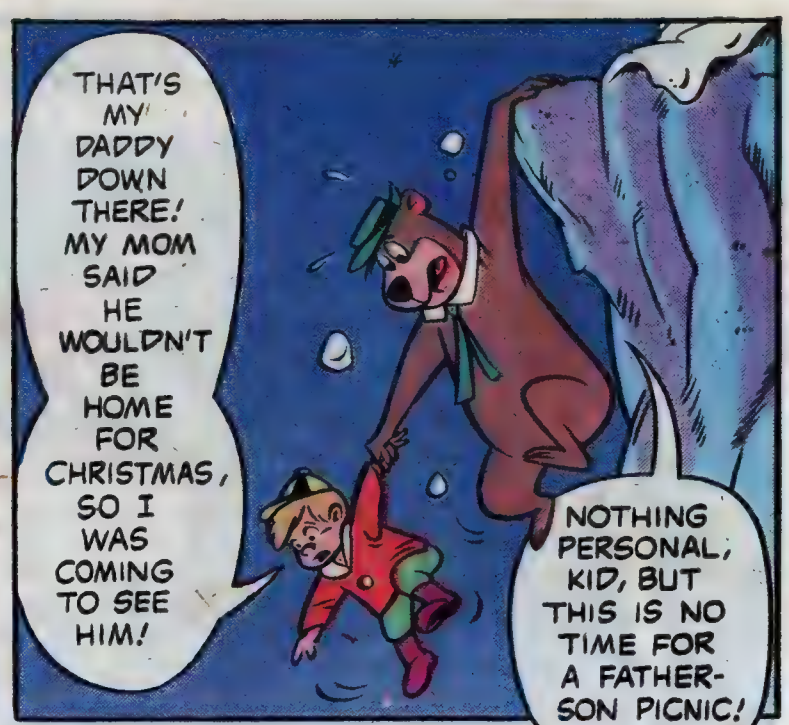

MEANWHILE ON THE OUTSIDE...
MIGHT AS WELL HEAD BACK! I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO LIVE WITH BOO-BOO'S SNORING!


HEY! THAT'S NO PLACE FOR A LITTLE BOY! THAT'S NOT EVEN A SAFE PLACE FOR A MOUNTAIN GOAT!
I'M SCARED! AND I CAN'T GET DOWN!
I'LL COME UP AND HELP YOU! YOU JUST STAY THERE!
YOUR WIFE'S ON THE PHONE!
TELL HER I'LL CALL HER LATER! I'VE GOT THE SNOWMOBILE READY TO GO!
IF THE KID CAME IN ON THE WILDERNESS TRAIL, HE MIGHT HAVE WANDERED UP TO LOOKOUT POINT!

IT'S YOGI TO THE RESCUE! AND I WISH I WERE BRAVER THAN THE AVERAGE BEAR!
I CAN'T MOVE!

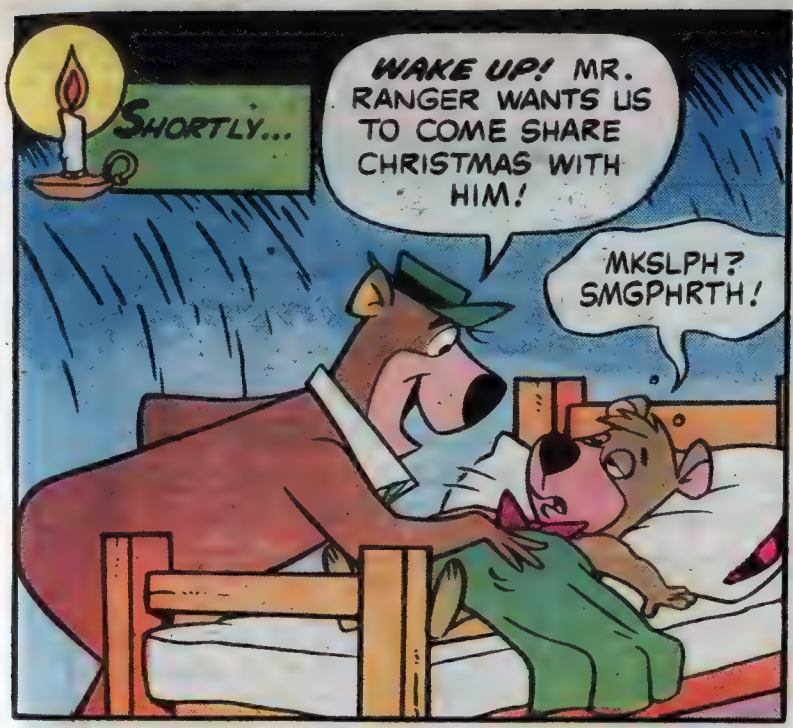
UH-OH! THAT'S NOT MY TUMMY MAKING THAT NOISE!
R-RUMBLE

HELP!
MISTER RANGERS, SIRS! WE SEEM TO HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM!
SMITH! ...THAT'S... MY SON!
HOLD ON, YOGI! WE'LL RESCUE YOU!


THAT'S MY DADDY DOWN THERE! MY MOM SAID HE WOULDN'T BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, SO I WAS COMING TO SEE HIM!
NOTHING PERSONAL, KID, BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR A FATHER-SON PICNIC!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT THERE?
OH, JUST HANGING AROUND, ENJOYING THE VIEW! SHEESH!-- WHAT A QUESTION!

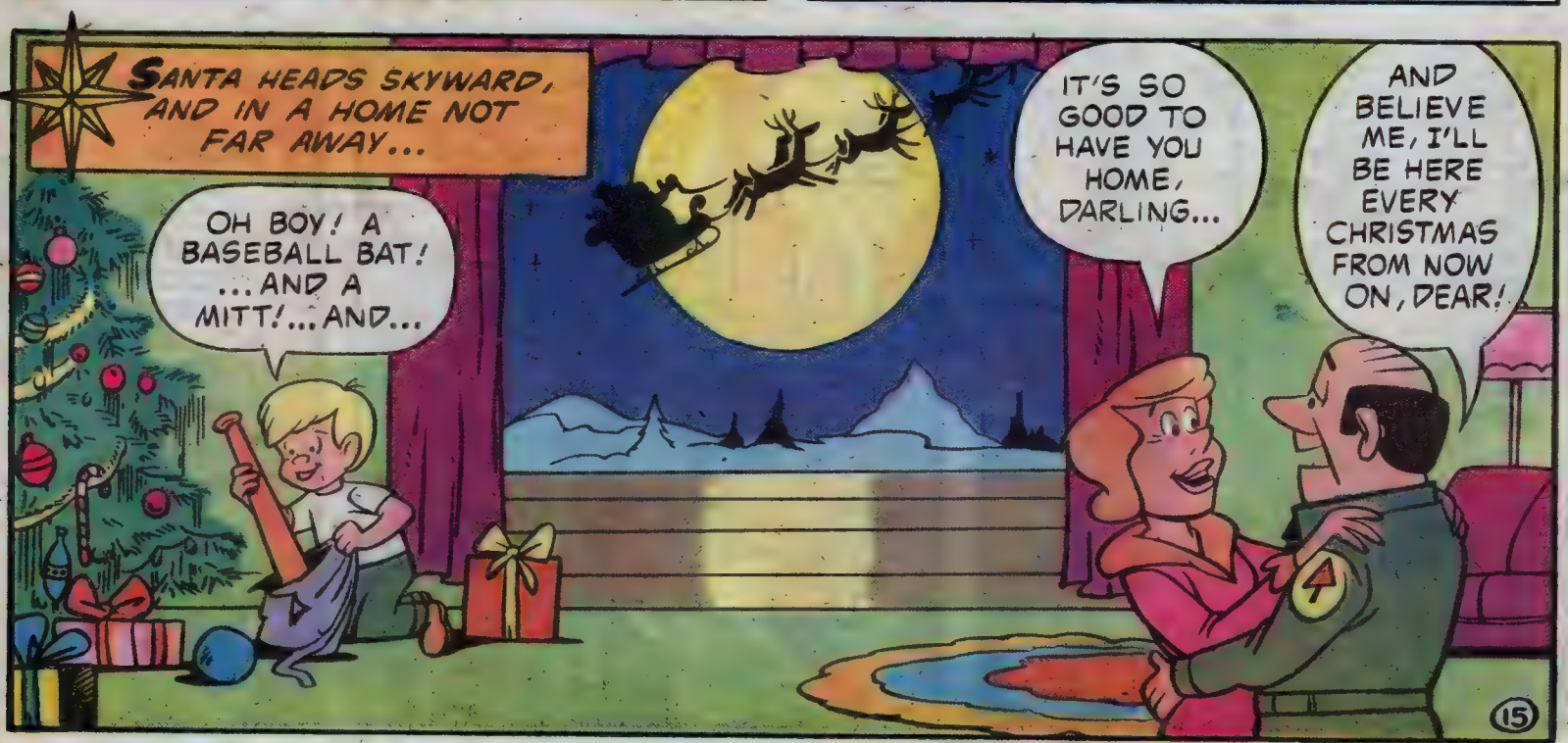
AS SOON AS THEY'RE ON SOLID GROUND...
CAN I GO HOME NOW, DAD?
WE'RE BOTH GOING HOME, SON! I'VE BEEN VERY FOOLISH, BUT NEVER AGAIN!
YOU'RE A HERO, YOGI! I WANT YOU TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH ME!
MY PLEASURE, MR. RANGER, SIR!


SHORTLY...
WAKE UP! MR. RANGER WANTS US TO COME SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH HIM!
MKSLPH? SMGPHRTH!

... BEFORE THAT, YOGI, I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU TO THE FLINTSTONES' CHRISTMAS PARTY! I'LL HAVE YOU BACK IN TIME TO VISIT RANGER SMITH!
SANTA CLAUS!

WHY'D YOU WAKE ME UP, YOGI?
COME ON, BOO-BOO! SANTA CLAUS IS TAKING US TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

CLIMB ABOARD MY SLEIGH, FELLOWS! DESTINATION: BEDROCK!


SANTA HEADS SKYWARD, AND IN A HOME NOT FAR AWAY...
OH BOY! A BASEBALL BAT! ...AND A MITT!...AND...
IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU HOME, DARLING...
AND BELIEVE ME, I'LL BE HERE EVERY CHRISTMAS FROM NOW ON, DEAR!

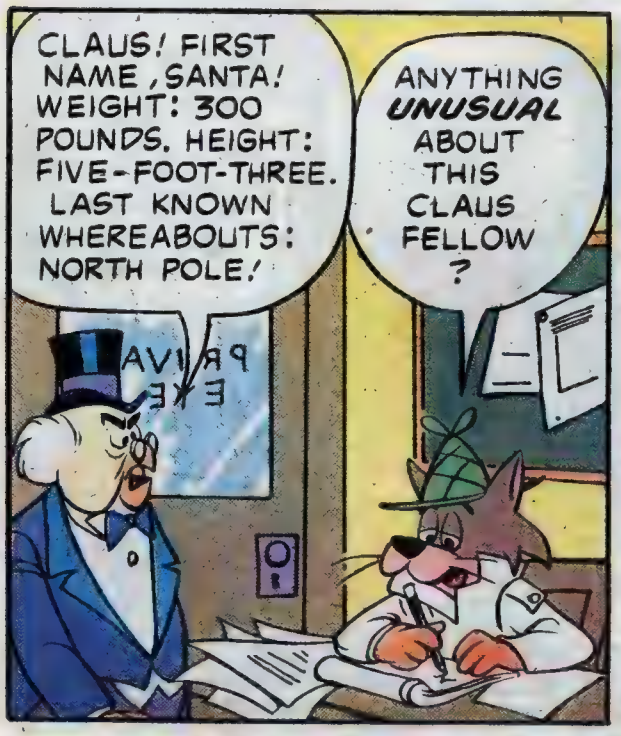
CHAPTER THREE THE CHRISTMAS SLEUTHS

NOT EVERYONE CAN GET CHRISTMAS EVE OFF. FOR SNOOPER AND BLABBER, A NEW CASE HAS JUST BEGUN...

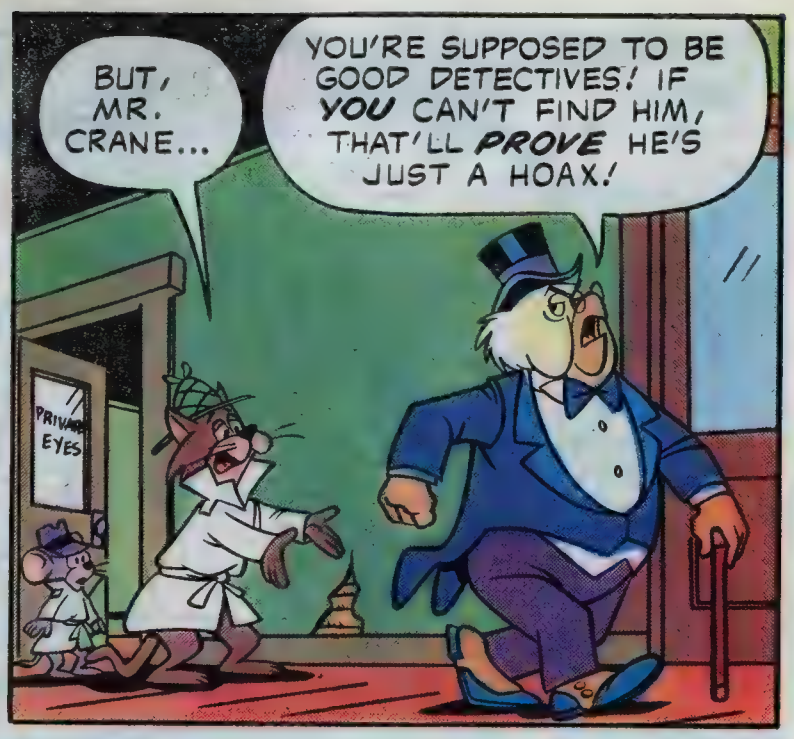
LEAVE US RECAP, MR. CRANE! YOU WANT US TO FIND A MISSING PERSON FOR YOU...

WHAT'S THE *NAME* OF THIS FELLOW YOU WANT US TO FIND, PRAY TELL?

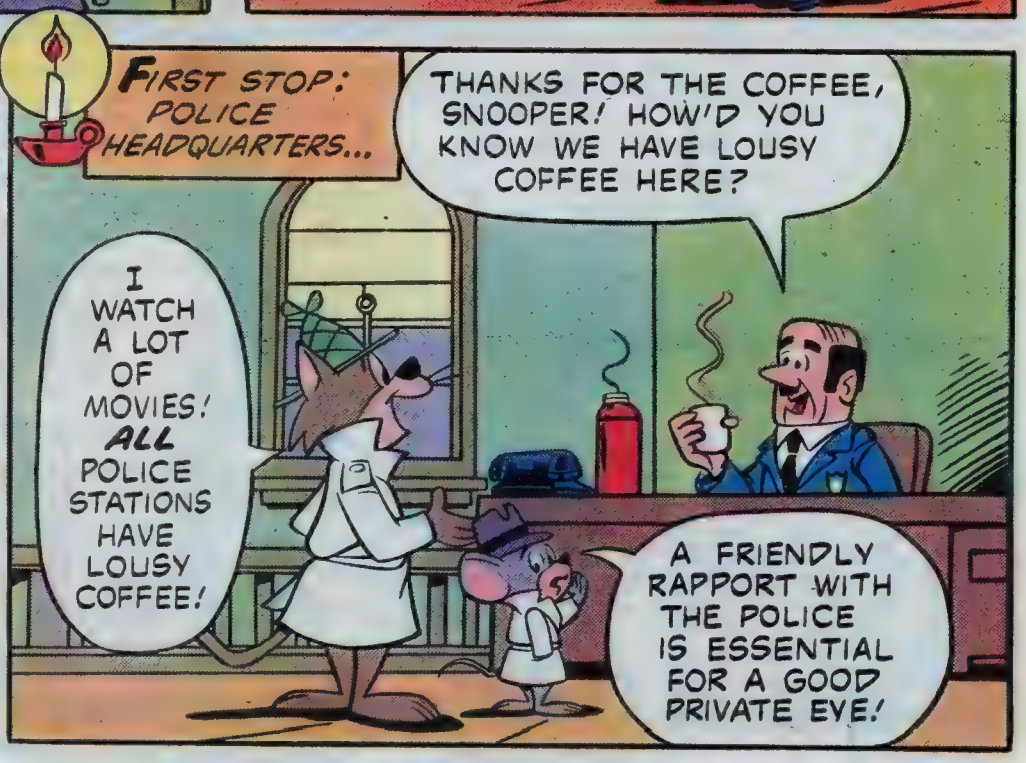
SNOOP KNOWS: A GOOD PRIVATE EYE ALWAYS GETS ALL THE FACTS!

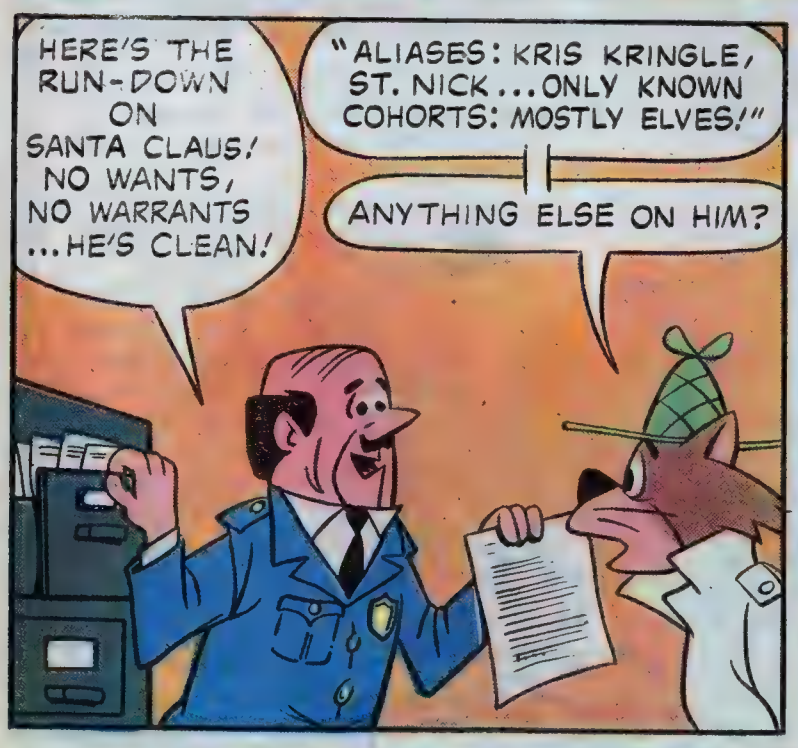


I'M ONE OF THE RICHEST FOLKS IN THE WORLD-- AND I'M FAMOUS, TOO! CITIZEN CRANE, THEY CALL ME!
I WANT THE STORY ON THIS CLAUS CHARACTER!
PRIVATE EYES

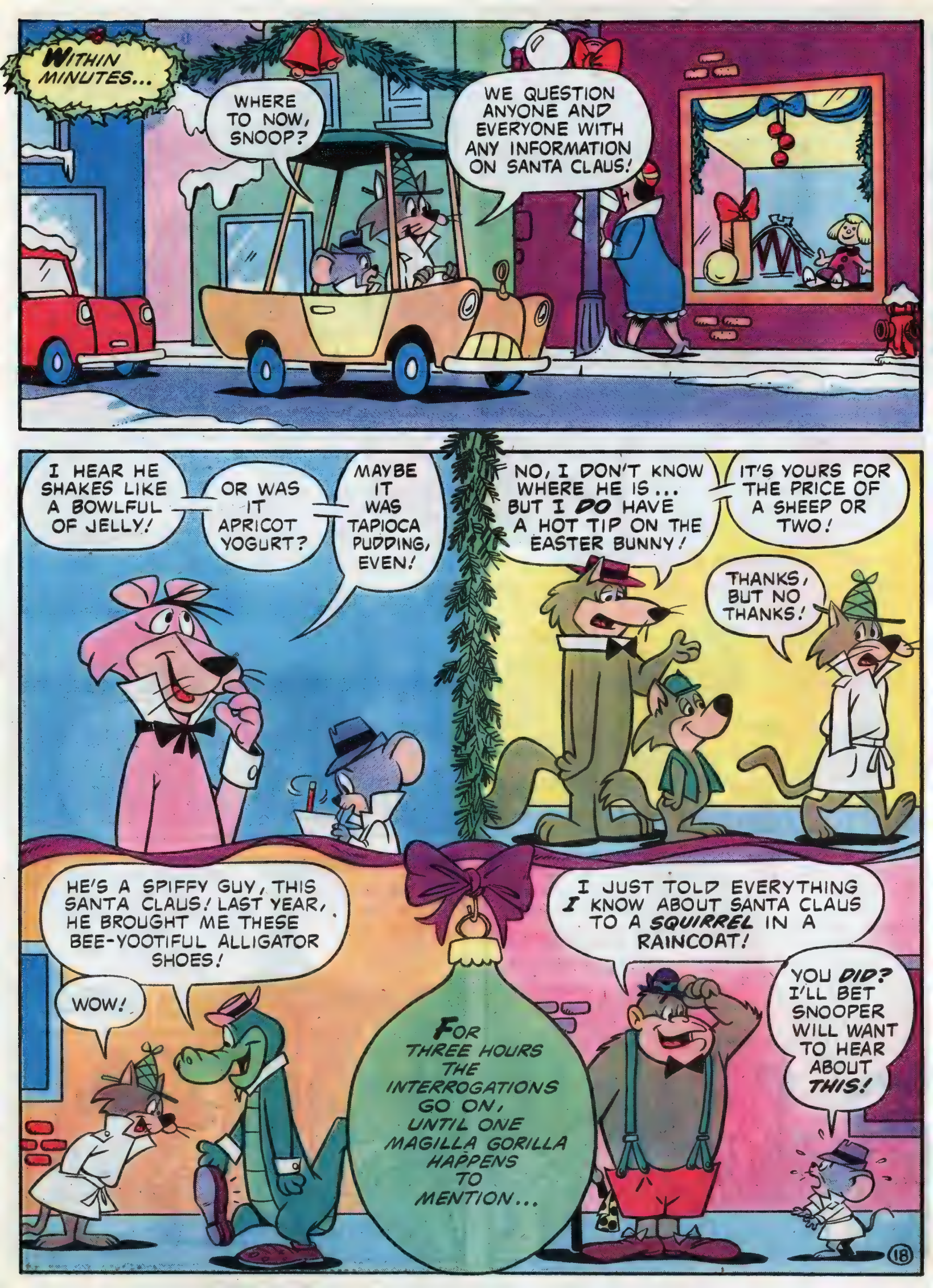

BUT, MR. CRANE...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD DETECTIVES! IF YOU CAN'T FIND HIM, THAT'LL PROVE HE'S JUST A HOAX!
PRIVATE EYES

WHAT'LL WE DO, SNOOP?
ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR BLAB... WE FIND THE JOLLY GENT, POST HASTE!

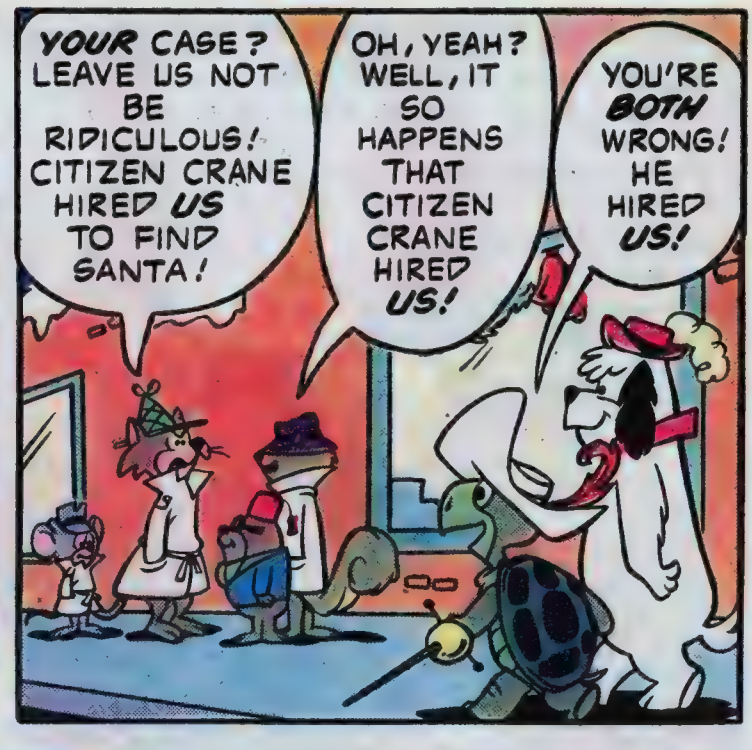

FIRST STOP: POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THANKS FOR THE COFFEE, SNOOPER! HOW'D YOU KNOW WE HAVE LOUSY COFFEE HERE?
I WATCH A LOT OF MOVIES! ALL POLICE STATIONS HAVE LOUSY COFFEE!
A FRIENDLY RAPPORT WITH THE POLICE IS ESSENTIAL FOR A GOOD PRIVATE EYE!

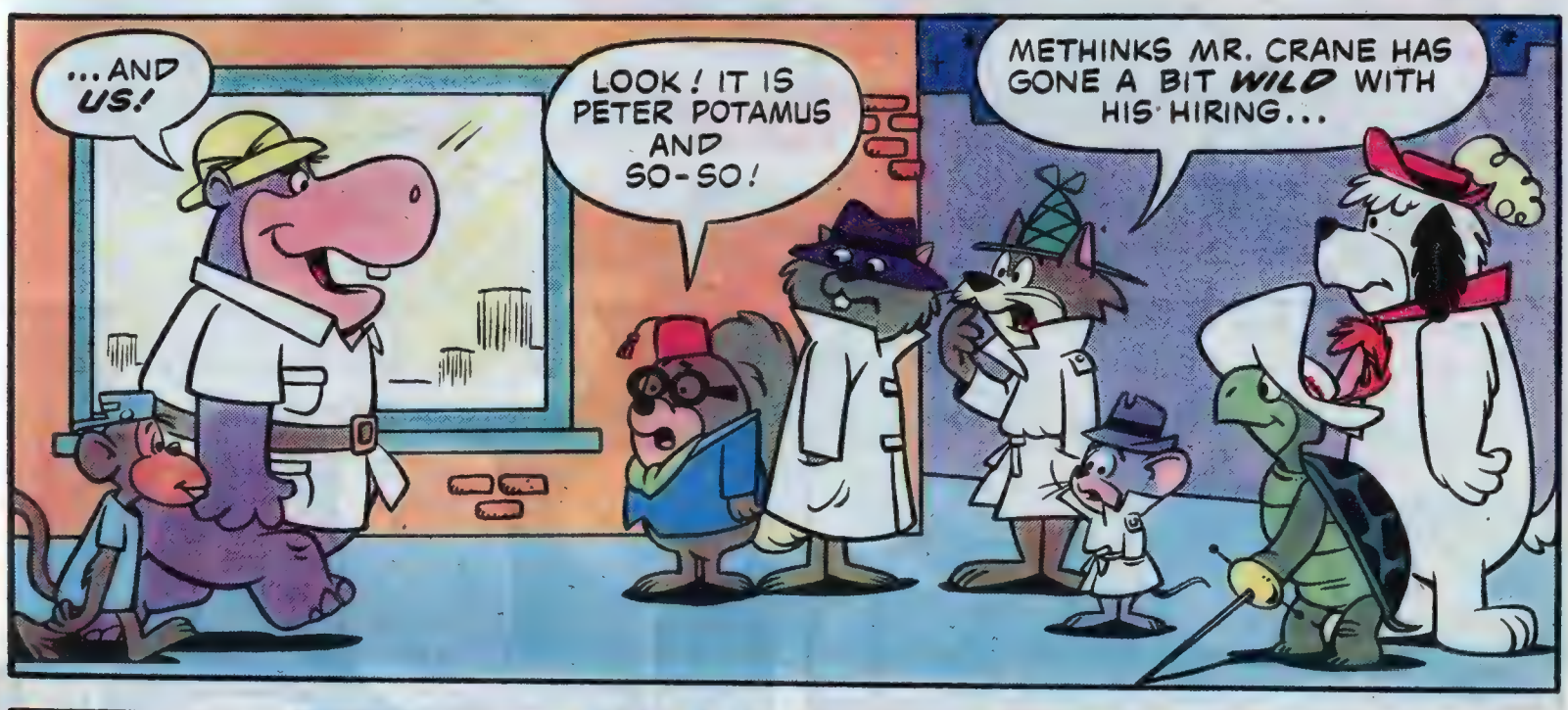

HERE'S THE RUN-DOWN ON SANTA CLAUS! NO WANTS, NO WARRANTS ...HE'S CLEAN!
"ALIASES: KRIS KRINGLE, ST. NICK...ONLY KNOWN COHORTS: MOSTLY ELVES!"
ANYTHING ELSE ON HIM?

WE HEAR HE'S BEEN MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE!
...PROBABLY GOING TO FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY AND NICE! IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING, GIVE ME A BUZZ!


WITHIN MINUTES...
WHERE TO NOW, SNOOP?
WE QUESTION ANYONE AND EVERYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION ON SANTA CLAUS!
I HEAR HE SHAKES LIKE A BOWLFUL OF JELLY!
OR WAS IT APRICOT YOGURT?
MAYBE IT WAS TAPIOCA PUDDING, EVEN!
NO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS... BUT I DO HAVE A HOT TIP ON THE EASTER BUNNY!
IT'S YOURS FOR THE PRICE OF A SHEEP OR TWO!
THANKS, BUT NO THANKS!
HE'S A SPIFFY GUY, THIS SANTA CLAUS! LAST YEAR, HE BROUGHT ME THESE BEE-YOOTIFUL ALLIGATOR SHOES!
WOW!
FOR THREE HOURS THE INTERROGATIONS GO ON, UNTIL ONE MAGILLA GORILLA HAPPENS TO MENTION...
I JUST TOLD EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT SANTA CLAUS TO A SQUIRREL IN A RAINCOAT!
YOU DID? I'LL BET SNOOPER WILL WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THIS!

MOMENTS LATER...
STOP, SECRET SQUIRREL--IN THE NAME OF THE PRIVATE EYE MAH JONGG SOCIETY!
SAY, MOROCCO... THAT'S SNOOPER AND BLABBER--THE TWO WHO HAVE BEEN MUSCLING IN ON OUR CASE!


YOUR CASE? LEAVE US NOT BE RIDICULOUS! CITIZEN CRANE HIRED US TO FIND SANTA!
OH, YEAH? WELL, IT SO HAPPENS THAT CITIZEN CRANE HIRED US!
YOU'RE BOTH WRONG! HE HIRED US!


...AND US!
LOOK! IT IS PETER POTAMUS AND SO-SO!
METHINKS MR. CRANE HAS GONE A BIT WILD WITH HIS HIRING...

HE'S HIRED EVERYONE EXCEPT ATOM ANT!
YOU SPOKE TO SOON, BLABBER MOUSE! HERE I AM--WITH SANTA!

SANTA! DUM DUM AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
I KNOW, TOUCHÉ! A MR. CHARLES FOSTER CRANE WANTS TO MEET ME! CALL HIM AND TELL HIM WHERE WE ARE!

A PHONE CALL IS PLACED AND SOON CRANE CONFRONTS SANTA...
SO YOU ARE REAL! PLEASE, SANTA, COULD I HAVE A BIG RED SLED?
PRETTY PLEASE? WITH SUGAR ON TOP?
I NEVER HAD A SLED WHEN I WAS A LITTLE CHILD! MY PARENTS ALWAYS BOUGHT ME STOCKS AND MUNICIPAL BONDS!

VERY WELL, HERE WE GO... A NICE SHINY SLED FOR YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
FOR ME? OH, GOODY GOODY!
HEY, SANTA-- WHAT ABOUT THE PARTY?
ROSEBUD

OH, YES! ALL OF YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIG PARTY!
HOT DIGGETY DOG!
WE'RE GOING TO A PARTY WITH SANTA CLAUS!
COME WITH ME!
DUH-H... I HOPE IT'S NOT FORMAL!

CHAPTER FOUR

CHRISTMAS WITH HUCK AND QUICK DRAW

CHRISTMAS OUT WEST... THOUGH YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT FROM THE WEATHER. EXPECTED HIGH: IN THE SEVENTIES. EXPECTED SNOW: NONE WHATSOEVER...

♫ OH, JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE BELLS

SHERIFF

I SHORE DON'T FEEL TOO PRETTY GOOD!

I KNOW! QUEEKSTRAW... HIS SINGING, SHE HAVE THE SAME EFFECT ON ME!

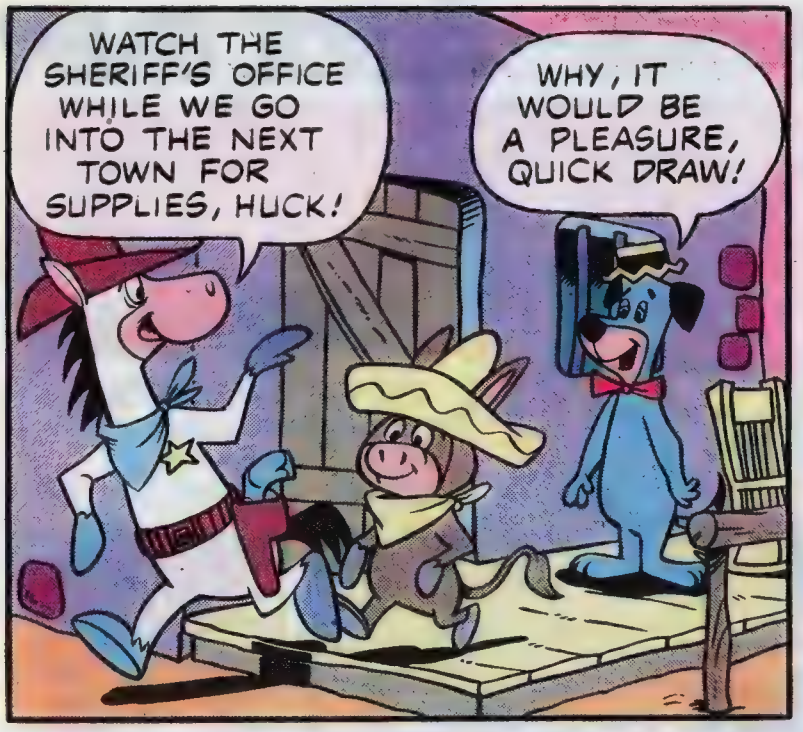
C.I, I DON'T MEAN *THAT!* SHUCKS, IT'S A HOOT AND A HOLLER BETTER'N *MY* SINGIN'! I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW THERE'S *NO SNOW!*

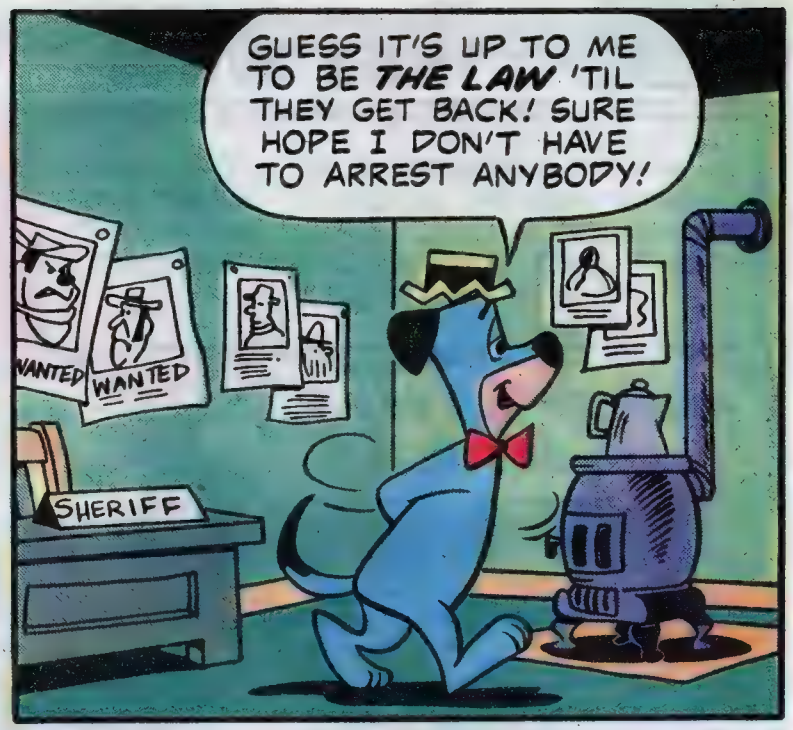
YOU ARE SORRY YOU CAME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH US, HUCK?

CAN'T LET 'EM THINK I'M NOT HAVING A GOOD TIME...

OH, I'M *VERY* GLAD, BABA LOOIE! VERY GLAD, INDEEDY!

WELL, THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR!


WATCH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHILE WE GO INTO THE NEXT TOWN FOR SUPPLIES, HUCK!
WHY, IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE, QUICK DRAW!


GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO BE THE LAW 'TIL THEY GET BACK! SURE HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO ARREST ANYBODY!
WANTED
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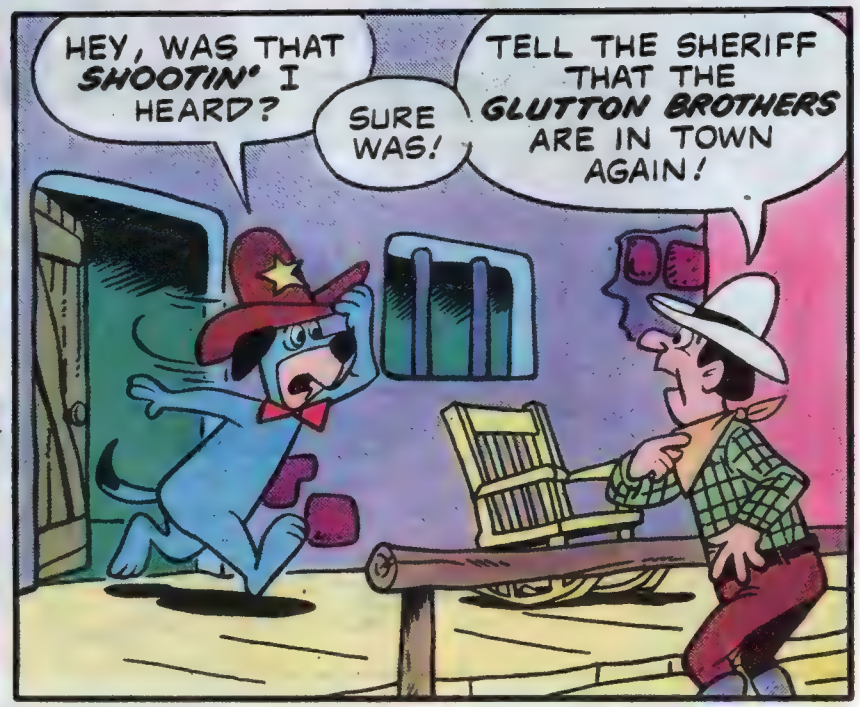
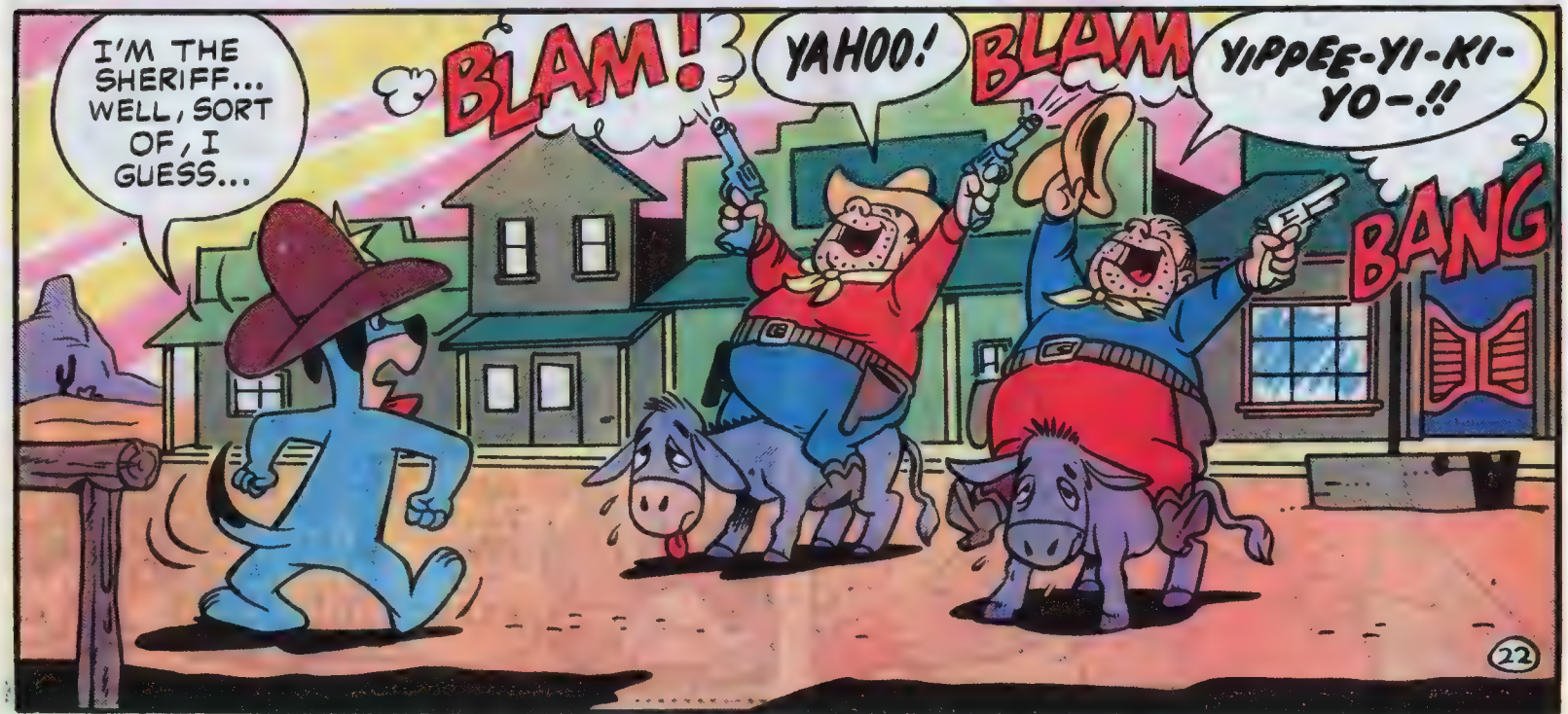
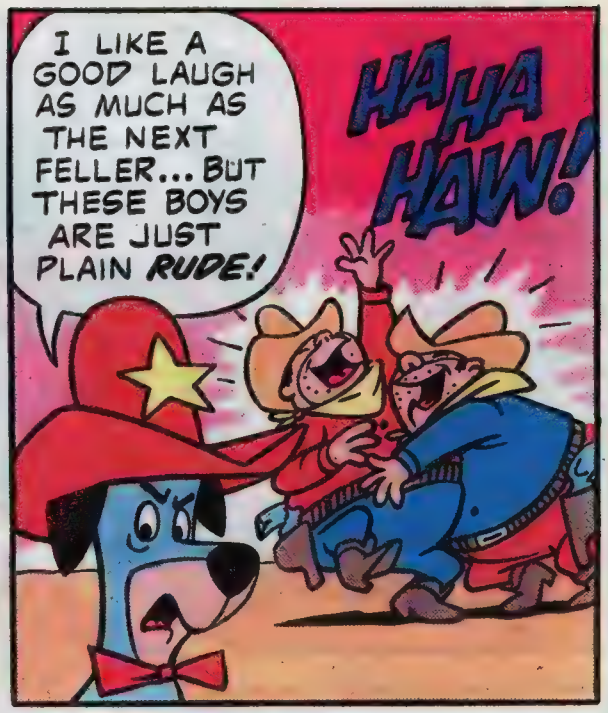
SHERIFF

GOSH! AND I ESPECIALLY DON'T WANNA ARREST ANYBODY ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
BANG!
BANG!

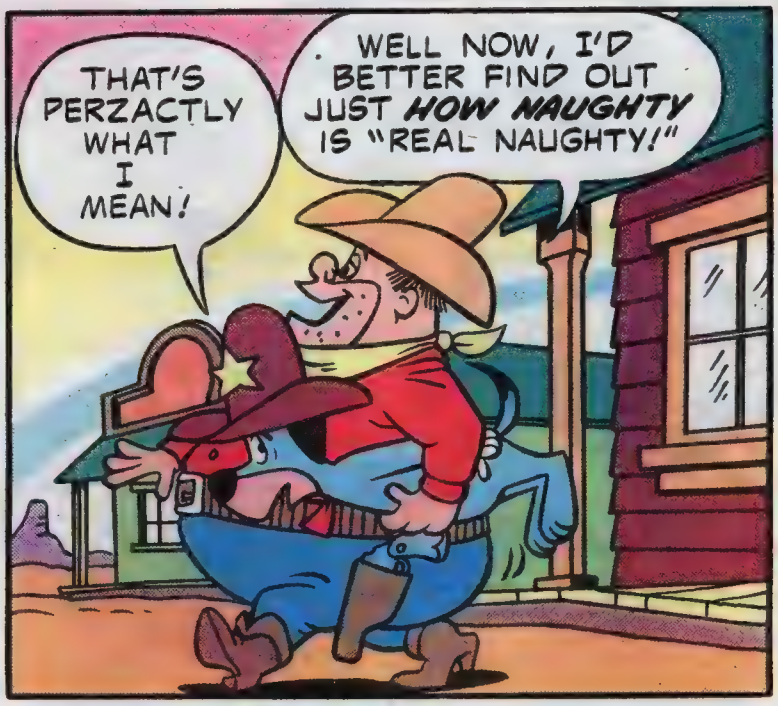

HEY, WAS THAT SHOOTIN' I HEARD?
SURE WAS!
TELL THE SHERIFF THAT THE GLUTTON BROTHERS ARE IN TOWN AGAIN!


I'M THE SHERIFF... WELL, SORT OF, I GUESS...
BLAM!
YAHOO!
BLAM
YIPPEE-YI-KI-YO-!!
BANG

'SCUSE ME, FELLAS... BUT WOULD YOU MIND HOLDIN' IT DOWN, PLEASE?
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
SOME SHERIFF! HAW!

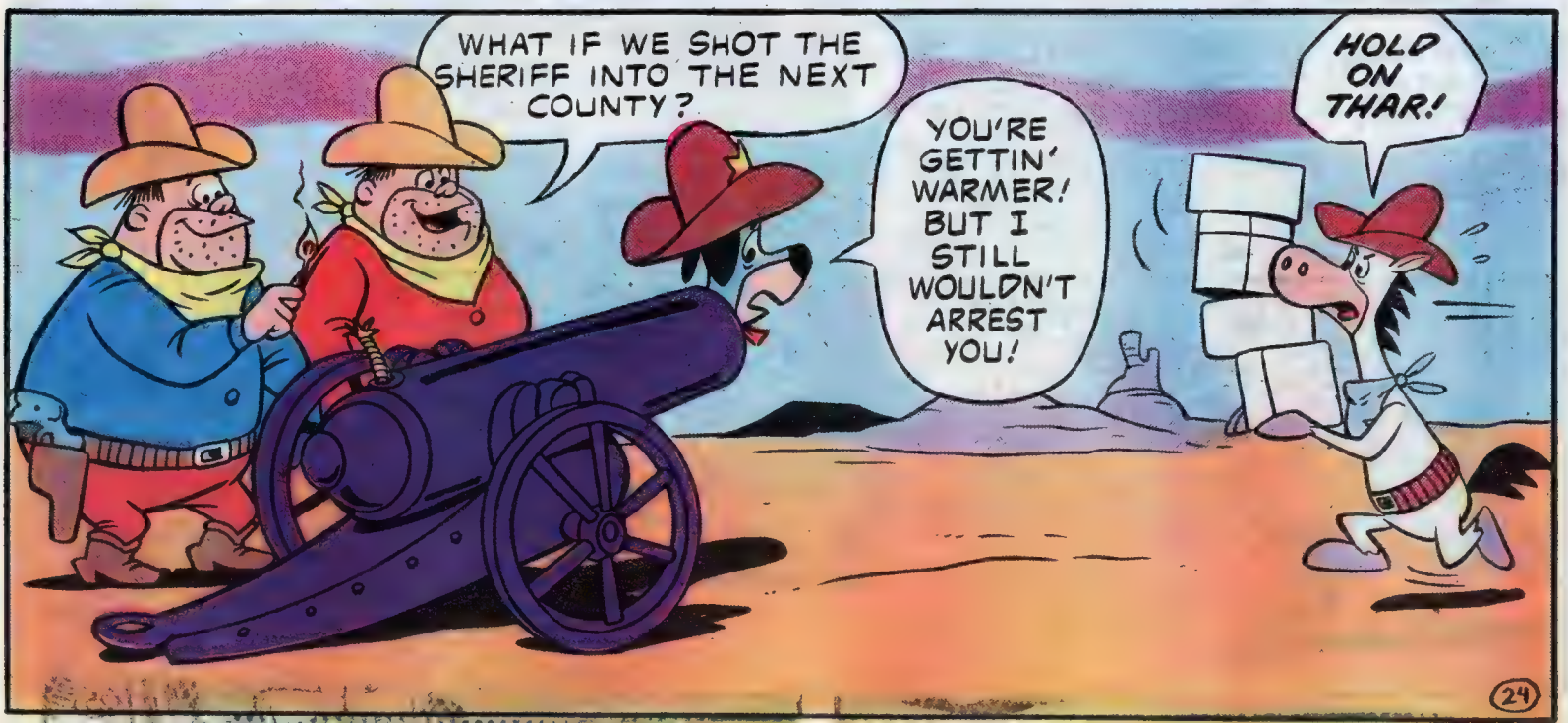

I LIKE A GOOD LAUGH AS MUCH AS THE NEXT FELLER... BUT THESE BOYS ARE JUST PLAIN RUDE!
HA HA HAW!

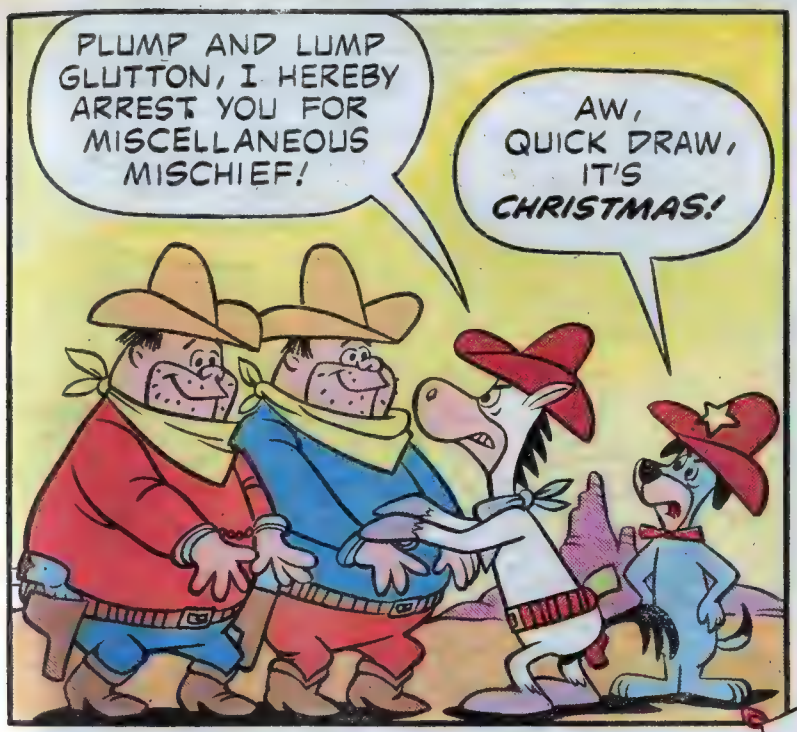
NOW, SEE HERE! YOU GUYS BEHAVE! I DON'T WANNA HAVE TO ARREST YOU ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
YOU MEAN... YOU'LL ONLY ARREST US IF WE DO SOMETHING REAL NAUGHTY?


THAT'S PERZACTLY WHAT I MEAN!
WELL NOW, I'D BETTER FIND OUT JUST HOW NAUGHTY IS "REAL NAUGHTY!"

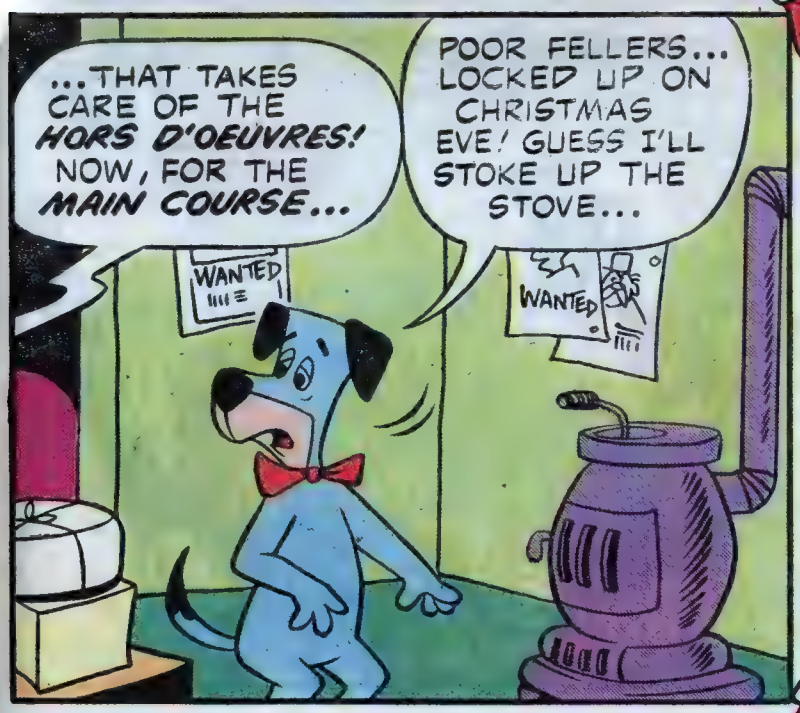
SUPPOSE WE WERE TO TOSS THE SHERIFF INTO THE HORSE TROUGH? THEN, WOULD YOU ARREST US?
NOPE!
THAT'S NOT NAUGHTY ENOUGH!

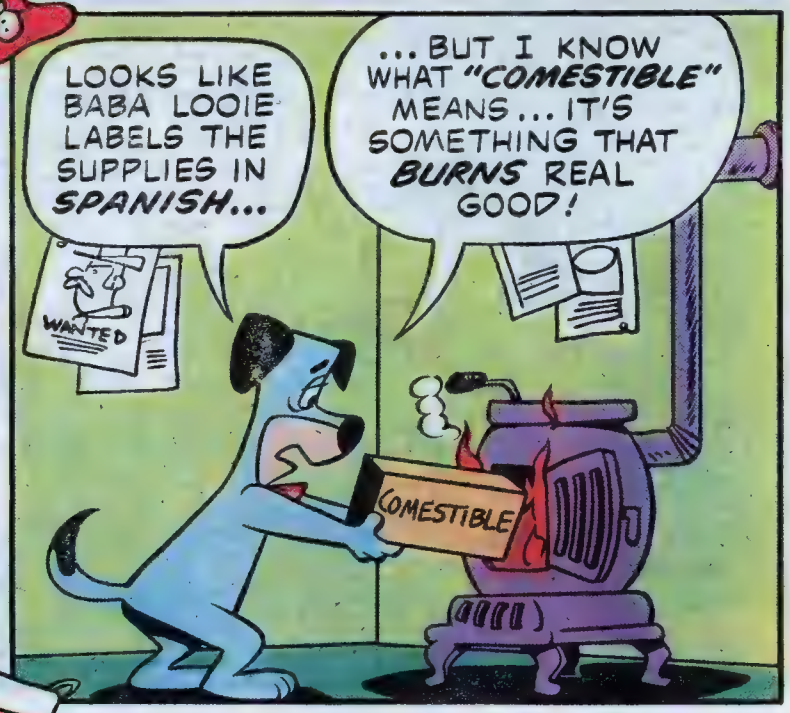
YOU SURE YOU WON'T ARREST US FOR THIS?
SURE, I'M SURE!
HOW ABOUT IF WE THREW THE SHERIFF OFF THE LIVERY STABLE, INTO A MUDHOLE?
LIVERY STABLE
I STILL WOULDN'T ARREST YOU FER THAT ...NOPE, NOT ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
AWFUL NICE OF YOU NOT TO ARREST US FOR THAT!
THINK NOTHING OF IT!


WHAT IF WE SHOT THE SHERIFF INTO THE NEXT COUNTY?
YOU'RE GETTIN' WARMER! BUT I STILL WOULDN'T ARREST YOU!
HOLD ON THAR!


PLUMP AND LUMP GLUTTON, I HEREBY ARREST YOU FOR MISCELLANEOUS MISCHIEF!
AW, QUICK DRAW, IT'S CHRISTMAS!

MINUTES LATER...
READY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS DINNER ?
YEP! WE WANT STEAK, TURKEY, HAM, ROAST POTATOES, CRANBERRIES, GRAVY, PECAN PIE...

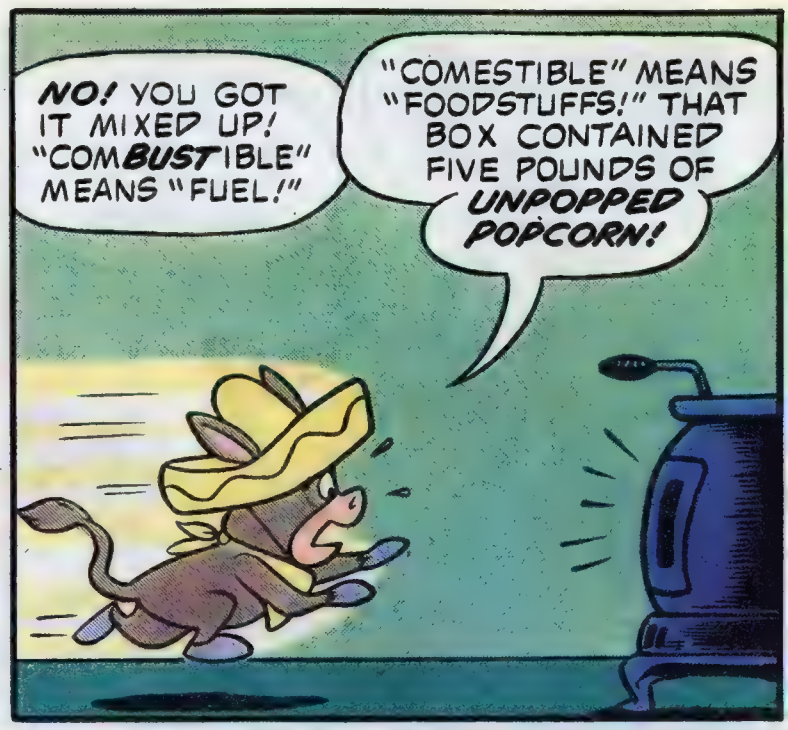

...THAT TAKES CARE OF THE HORS D'OEUVRES! NOW, FOR THE MAIN COURSE...
POOR FELLERS... LOCKED UP ON CHRISTMAS EVE! GUESS I'LL STOKE UP THE STOVE...
WANTED
WANTED

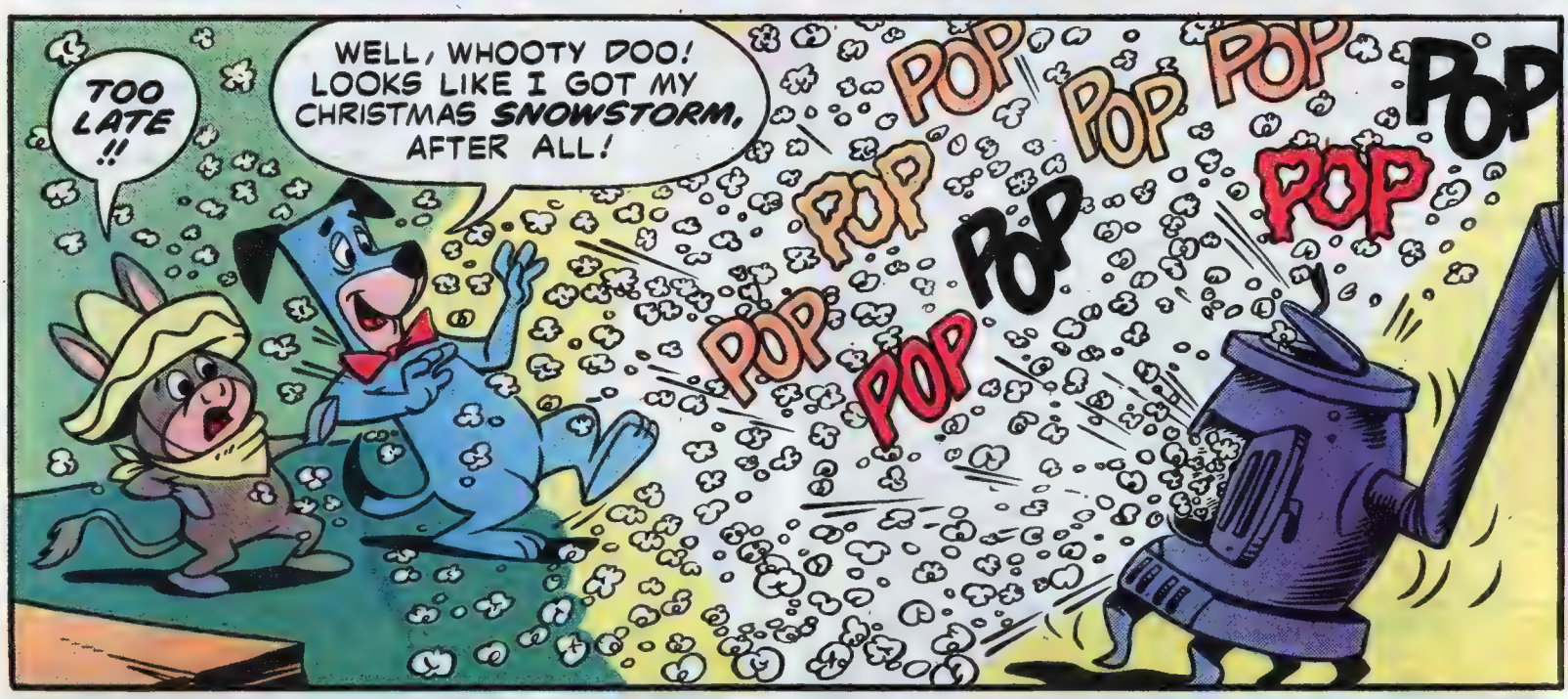

LOOKS LIKE BABA LOOIE LABELS THE SUPPLIES IN SPANISH...
...BUT I KNOW WHAT "COMESTIBLE" MEANS... IT'S SOMETHING THAT BURNS REAL GOOD!
WANTED
COMESTIBLE

DON'T FRET OVER THE GLUTTON BROTHERS! THEY GET THEMSELVES ARRESTED EVERY YEAR... SO'S THEY CAN GET A FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER!
WELL, THAT SURE TAKES A HEAP OFF MY MIND!
WANTED

I BRING THE FIREWOOD! WE WERE ALL OUT OF FUEL!
NO, WE WEREN'T! I JUST TOSSED THAT BUNCH OF COMESTIBLES INTO THE STOVE...

AIEEE! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, SEÑOR HUCKLEBERRY !?
ISN'T "COMESTIBLE" SPANISH FOR "FUEL?"


NO! YOU GOT IT MIXED UP! "COMBUSTIBLE" MEANS "FUEL!"
"COMESTIBLE" MEANS "FOODSTUFFS!" THAT BOX CONTAINED FIVE POUNDS OF UNPOPPED POPCORN!


TOO LATE !!
WELL, WHOOTY DOO! LOOKS LIKE I GOT MY CHRISTMAS SNOWSTORM, AFTER ALL!
POP
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POP

WELL! I CAME BY TO INVITE YOU ALL TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY, BUT I SEE YOU'RE HAVING ONE!
WE'LL EAT IT ALL UP! YUM!
COULD WE HAVE A FEW GALLONS OF MELTED BUTTER AND MAYBE A MOVIE?
SANTA, WE'D BE RIGHT PROUD TO COME TO YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY...
...JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON'T SERVE POPCORN!
WANTED
WANTED

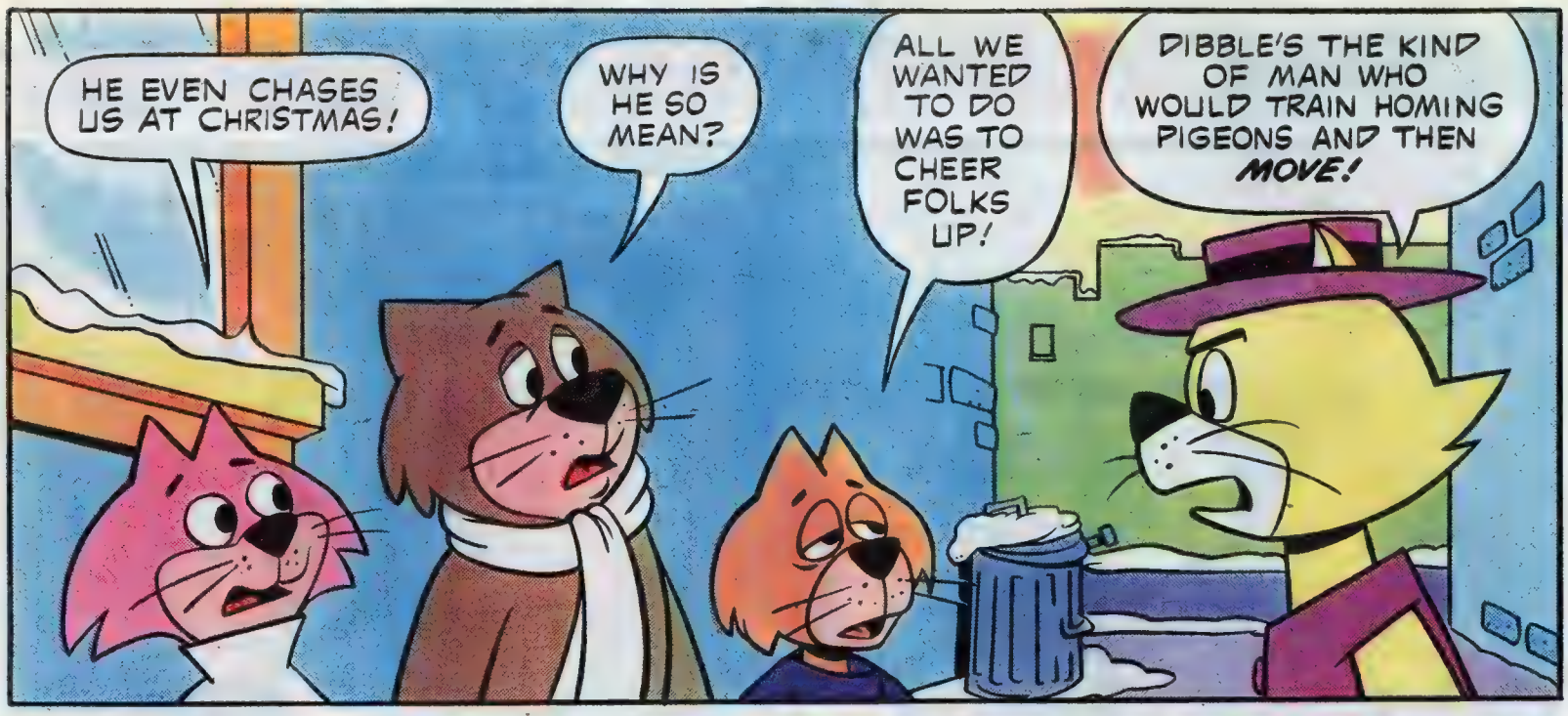
CHAPTER FIVE

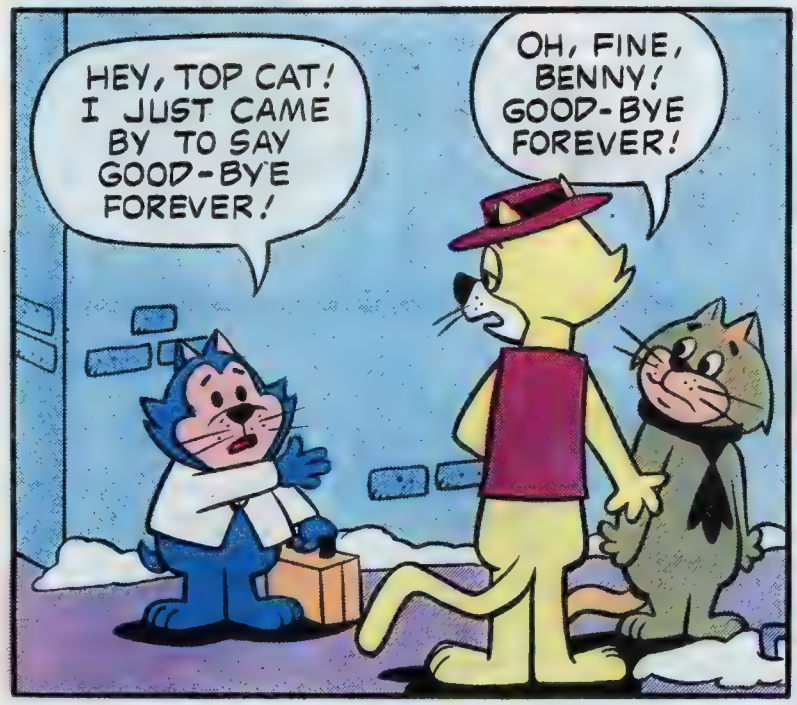
A VERY MERRY TOP CAT

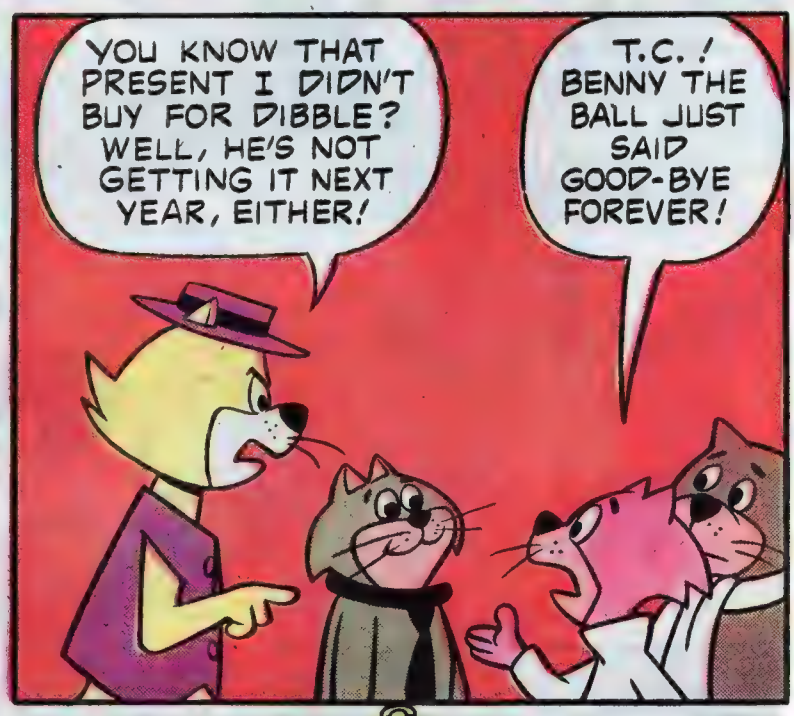
THERE'S PLENTY OF REAL SNOW IN TOWN-- SO MUCH SO THAT TOP CAT AND COMPANY DECIDED TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT...

NO, NO, NO! YOU CAN'T BUILD A SNOWMAN ON A PUBLIC STREET!

BUT, OFFICER DIBBLE...


HE EVEN CHASES US AT CHRISTMAS!
WHY IS HE SO MEAN?
ALL WE WANTED TO DO WAS TO CHEER FOLKS UP!
DIBBLE'S THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD TRAIN HOMING PIGEONS AND THEN MOVE!


HEY, TOP CAT! I JUST CAME BY TO SAY GOOD-BYE FOREVER!
OH, FINE, BENNY! GOOD-BYE FOREVER!

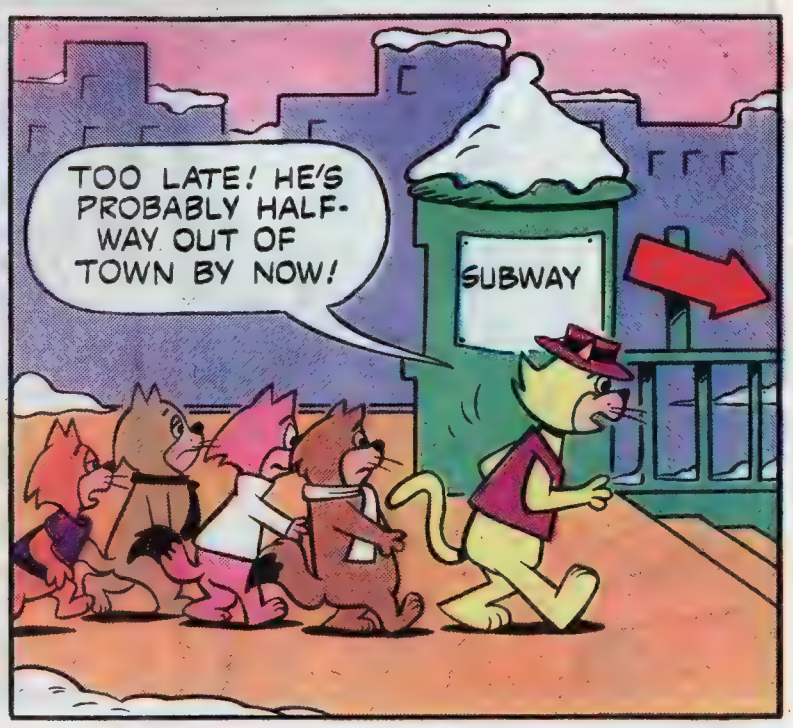

YOU KNOW THAT PRESENT I DIDN'T BUY FOR DIBBLE? WELL, HE'S NOT GETTING IT NEXT YEAR, EITHER!
T.C.! BENNY THE BALL JUST SAID GOOD-BYE FOREVER!

BENNY! FOREVER IS A LONG, LONG TIME! MORE THAN A MONTH, EVEN! WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?

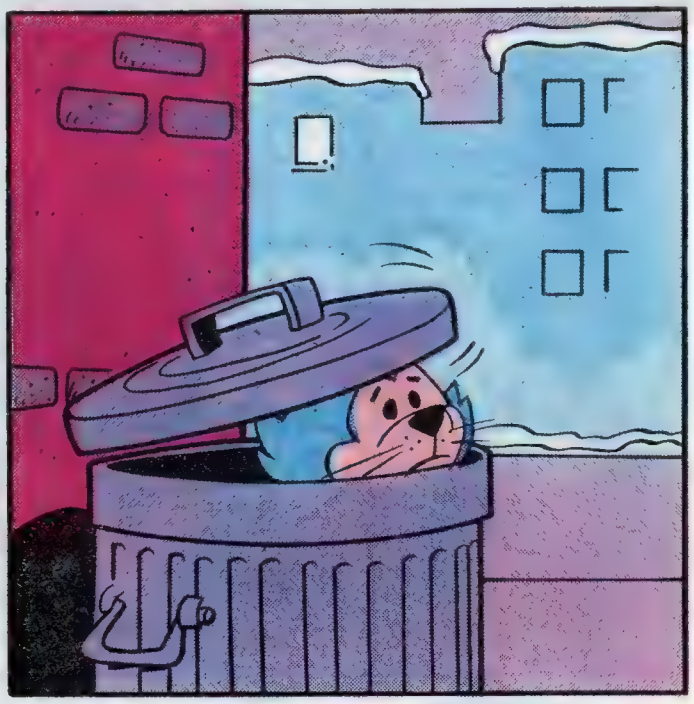
I CAN'T TELL YOU! I'M JUST LEAVING, THAT'S ALL!
?

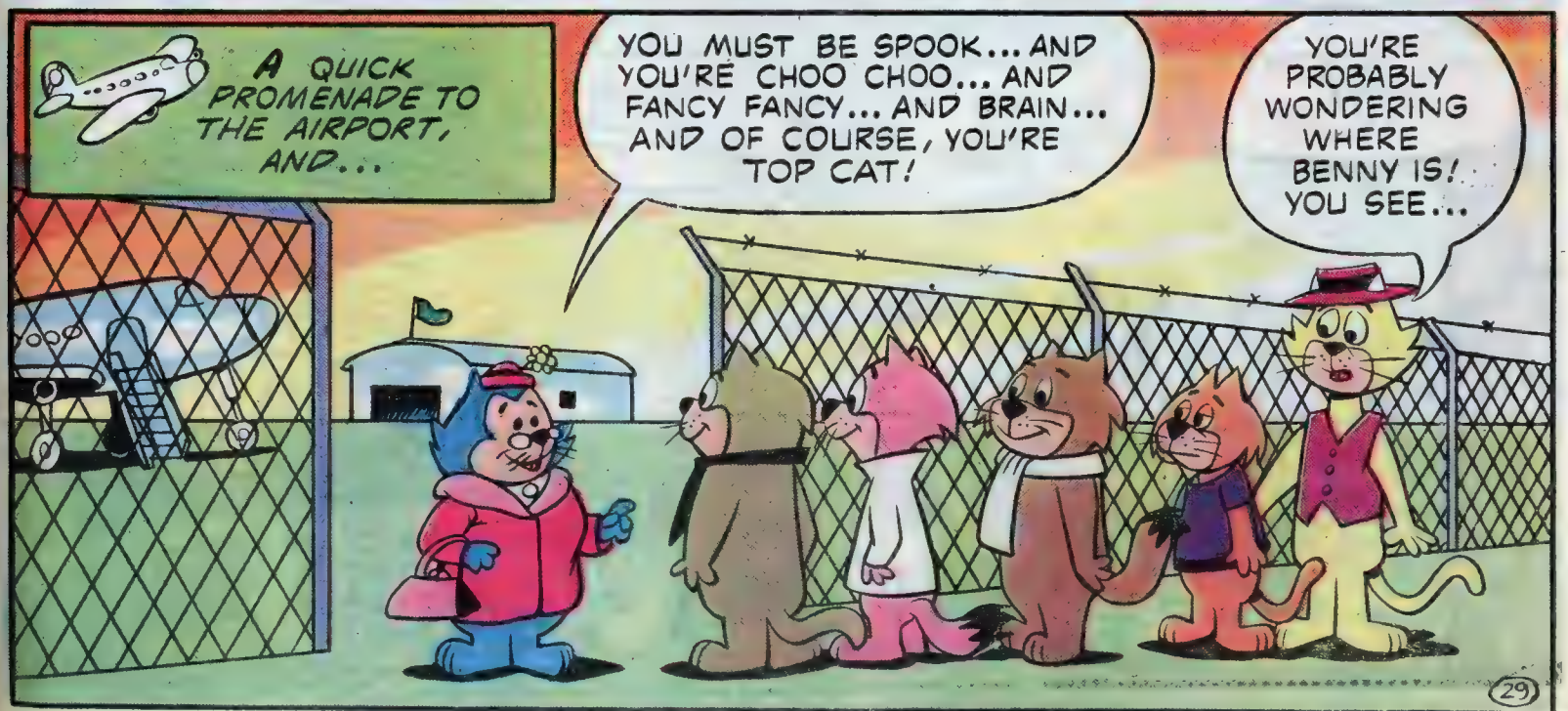
SHORTLY...
T.C., THIS TELEGRAM JUST CAME FOR BENNY! WHERE IS HE?
HE'S GONE... FOR FOREVER, HE SAID!

"... AM ARRIVING ON FLIGHT 303 AT NOON, ANXIOUS TO SEE YOU..." AND IT'S SIGNED YOUR MOTHER!
BENNY'S MOTHER'S COMING TO TOWN? LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CATCH HIM!

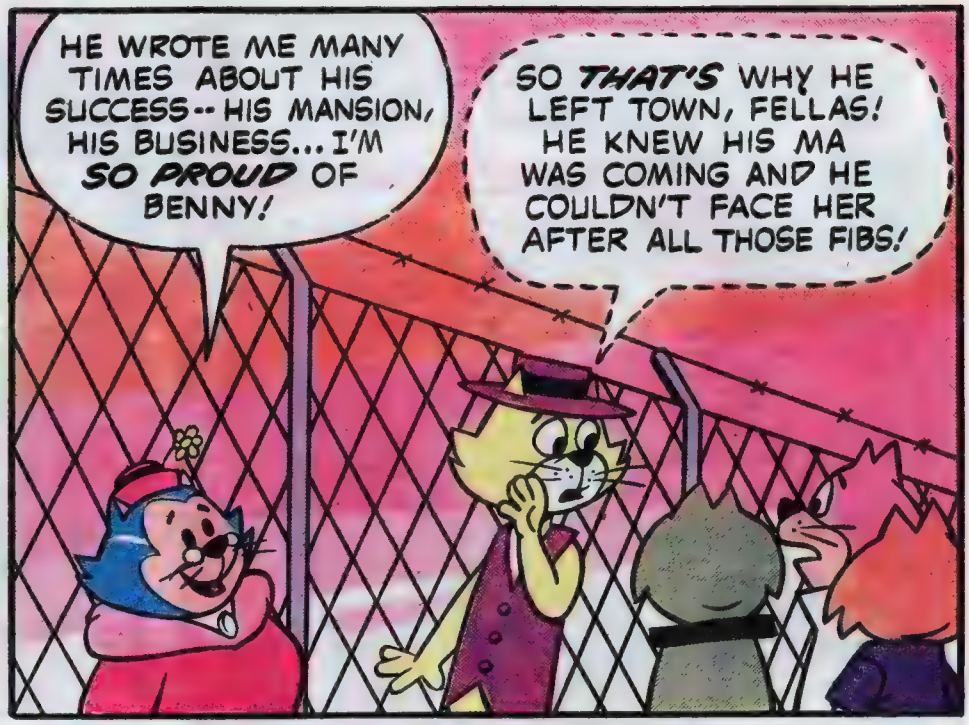

TOO LATE! HE'S PROBABLY HALF-WAY OUT OF TOWN BY NOW!
SUBWAY

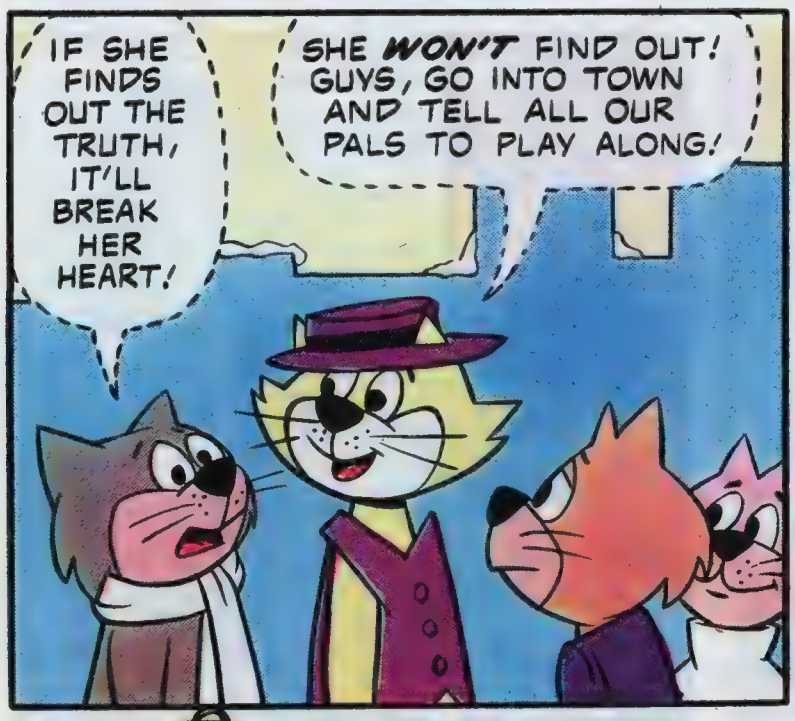
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
"WHAT DO WE DO NOW," HE ASKS! WE PICK HER UP AT THE AIRPORT, THAT'S WHAT WE DO! LET'S GO!



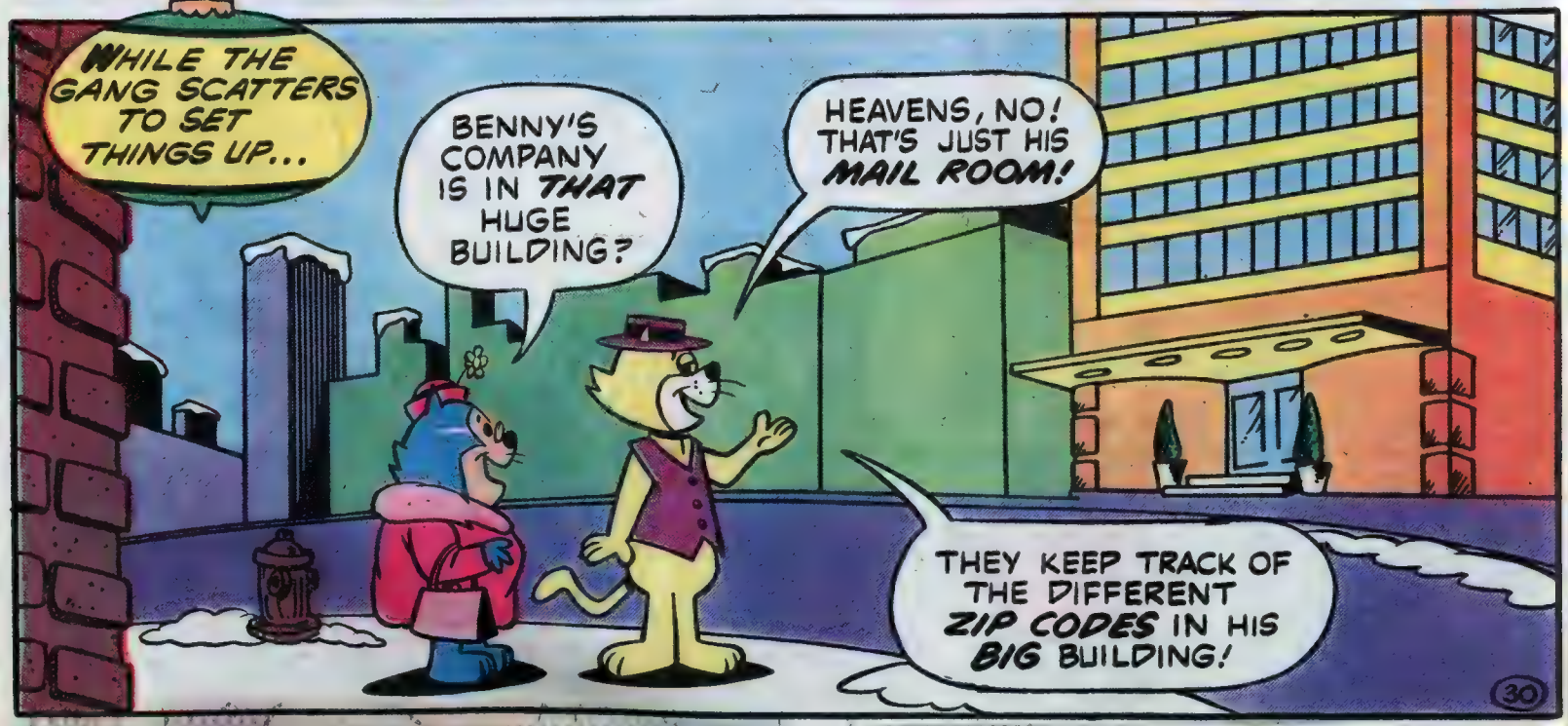

A QUICK PROMENADE TO THE AIRPORT, AND...
YOU MUST BE SPOOK... AND YOU'RE CHOO CHOO... AND FANCY FANCY... AND BRAIN... AND OF COURSE, YOU'RE TOP CAT!
YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHERE BENNY IS! YOU SEE...

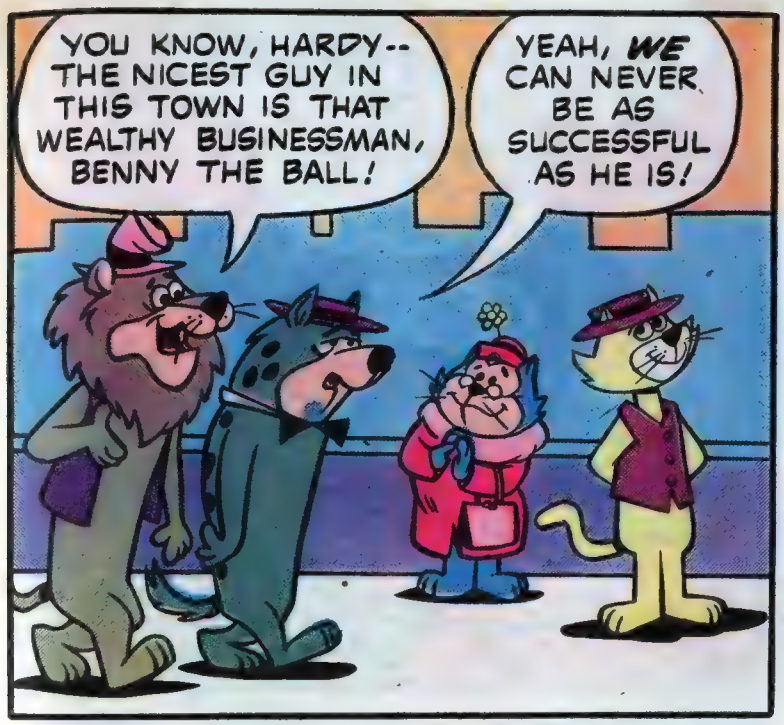
OH, I KNOW WHY HE ISN'T HERE! HE'S BUSY RUNNING HIS CORPORATION!
ER... HIS WHAT ?


HE WROTE ME MANY TIMES ABOUT HIS SUCCESS -- HIS MANSION, HIS BUSINESS... I'M SO PROUD OF BENNY!
SO THAT'S WHY HE LEFT TOWN, FELLAS! HE KNEW HIS MA WAS COMING AND HE COULDN'T FACE HER AFTER ALL THOSE FIBS!


IF SHE FINDS OUT THE TRUTH, IT'LL BREAK HER HEART!
SHE WON'T FIND OUT! GUYS, GO INTO TOWN AND TELL ALL OUR PALS TO PLAY ALONG!

OKAY, MOTHER BALL! SHALL WE BE OFF?
OH, YES! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW SUCCESSFUL MY DEAR BENNY IS!


WHILE THE GANG SCATTERS TO SET THINGS UP...
BENNY'S COMPANY IS IN THAT HUGE BUILDING?
HEAVENS, NO! THAT'S JUST HIS MAIL ROOM!
THEY KEEP TRACK OF THE DIFFERENT ZIP CODES IN HIS BIG BUILDING!


YOU KNOW, HARDY-- THE NICEST GUY IN THIS TOWN IS THAT WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN, BENNY THE BALL!
YEAH, WE CAN NEVER BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS HE IS!

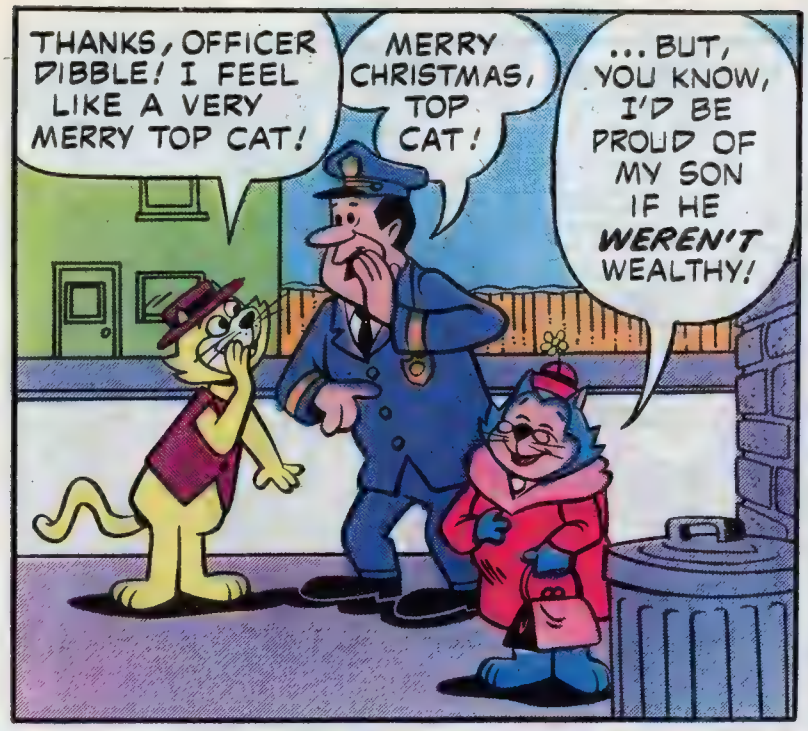
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF MY BENNY! SHOW ME MORE OF HIS SUCCESS!

AND SO, MOTHER BALL GETS THE GRAND TOUR...
TO ONE WHO HAS BIRTHED SUCH GREATNESS AS BENNY, I SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR EVEN!

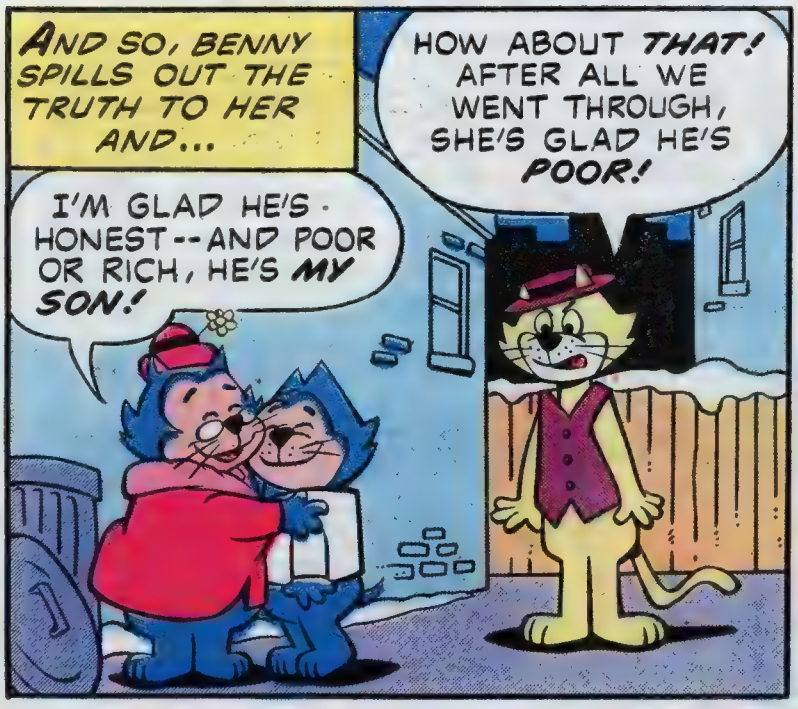
...HIS PERSONAL BODY-GUARD...
I'M HONG KONG PHOOEY, HEAR MY CALL! I SERVE THE WEALTHY BENNY BALL!

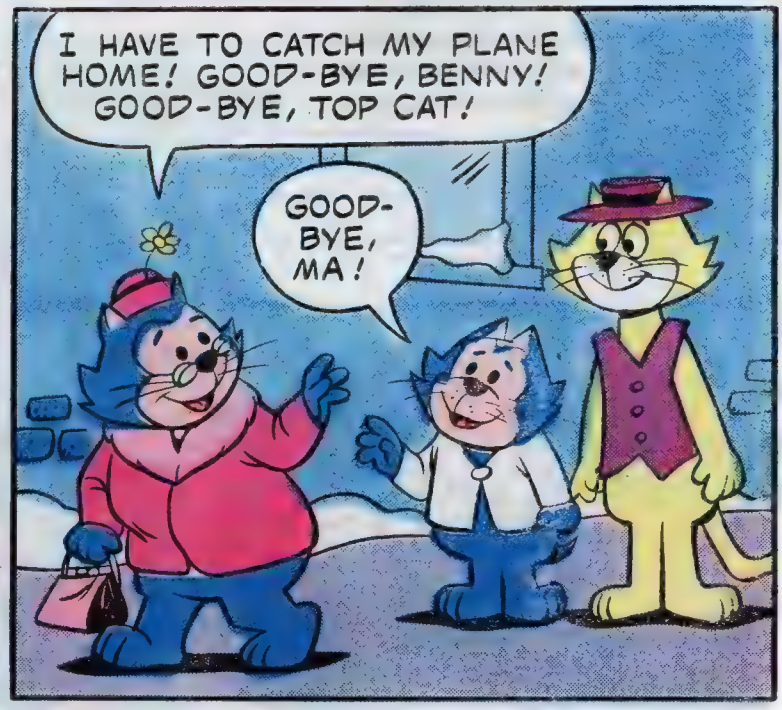
I WANT TO TELL BENNY THE BALL'S MA ABOUT HER SON!
UH-OH! DIBBLE'S GOING TO SPILL THE BEANS!

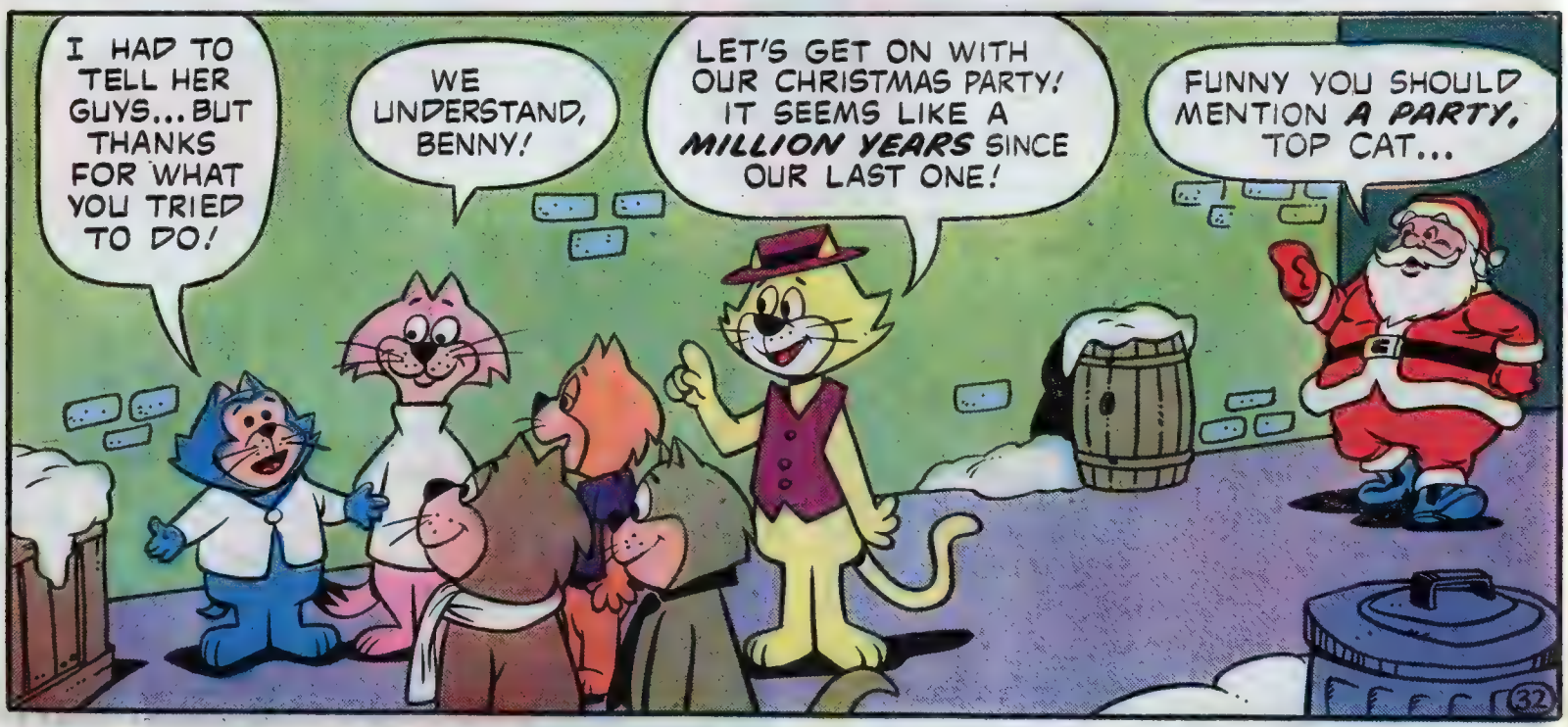
YOUR SON IS THE PRIDE OF THE COMMUNITY!
EVEN THE POLICE LIKE HIM! THAT'S IMPORTANT !!
WHEW!


THANKS, OFFICER DIBBLE! I FEEL LIKE A VERY MERRY TOP CAT!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, TOP CAT!
...BUT, YOU KNOW, I'D BE PROUD OF MY SON IF HE WEREN'T WEALTHY!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, MA -- I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE...
BENNY THE BILLIONAIRE IS A FAKE!
BENNY!


AND SO, BENNY SPILLS OUT THE TRUTH TO HER AND...
HOW ABOUT THAT! AFTER ALL WE WENT THROUGH, SHE'S GLAD HE'S POOR!
I'M GLAD HE'S HONEST -- AND POOR OR RICH, HE'S MY SON!


I HAVE TO CATCH MY PLANE HOME! GOOD-BYE, BENNY! GOOD-BYE, TOP CAT!
GOOD-BYE, MA!


I HAD TO TELL HER GUYS... BUT THANKS FOR WHAT YOU TRIED TO DO!
WE UNDERSTAND, BENNY!
LET'S GET ON WITH OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY! IT SEEMS LIKE A MILLION YEARS SINCE OUR LAST ONE!
FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION A PARTY, TOP CAT...

CHAPTER SIX

AUGIE DOGGIE'S CHEERY DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY DRAWS NEAR, AND AT THE DOGGIE HOUSEHOLD, THE TREE IS RECEIVING ITS FINAL TOUCHES...

THERE WE GO, MY SON, MY SON!

THE TREE IS ABSOTIVELY, POSOLUTELY *DONE!* IT LOOKS MIGHTY CHEERY!

YES, DEAR OLD DAD OF MINE!

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING THIS CHRISTMAS EVE?

I THOUGHT WE'D SPEND IT ALONE, AUGIE--*JUST THE TWO OF US!*

A CAPITAL SUGGESTION, O FATHER OF FATHERS! GO GET THE REST OF THE DECORATIONS!

GRACIOUS! THERE'S A POOR FROZEN LITTLE DUCK OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW!

RAP! RAP! RAP!

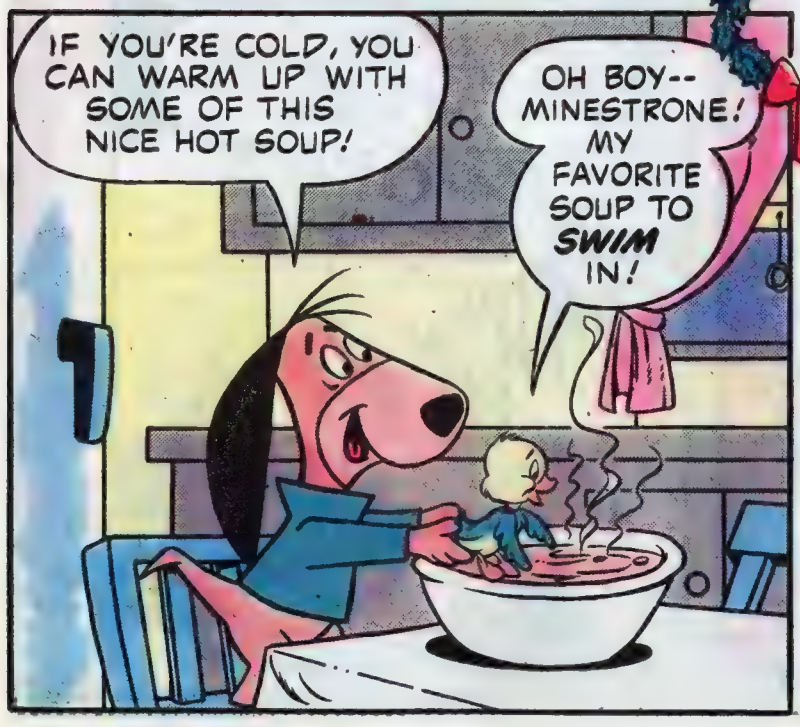
I'D BETTER HIDE YOU, POOR FROZEN DUCK! DEAR OLD DAD WANTED US TO BE ALONE!
THE NAME'S YAKKY DOODLE!

I JUST STARTED DINNER! THE MINESTRONE SOUP WILL BE READY IN A JIFFY!
SOUNDS YUMMY, O PATERNAL ONE!
QUACK! QUACK!

HUH?

AUGIE! DID YOU JUST GO QUACK QUACK?
WHY, PADRE, WOULD I GO QUACK QUACK?

...A REASONABLE ANSWER TO AN UNREASONABLE QUESTION!
SHHH! HE MUSTN'T HEAR YOU!


IF YOU'RE COLD, YOU CAN WARM UP WITH SOME OF THIS NICE HOT SOUP!
OH BOY-- MINESTRONE! MY FAVORITE SOUP TO SWIM IN!

AHA! AUGIE, WHAT IS THAT DUCK DOING IN MY MINESTRONE SOUP?
...AND IF YOU SAY "THE BACK STROKE," I'LL TAKE BACK YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

LET ME EXPLAIN, O QUICK-TO-ANGER FATHER...
UH OH! SOMEONE'S RAPPING AT OUR BACK DOOR!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

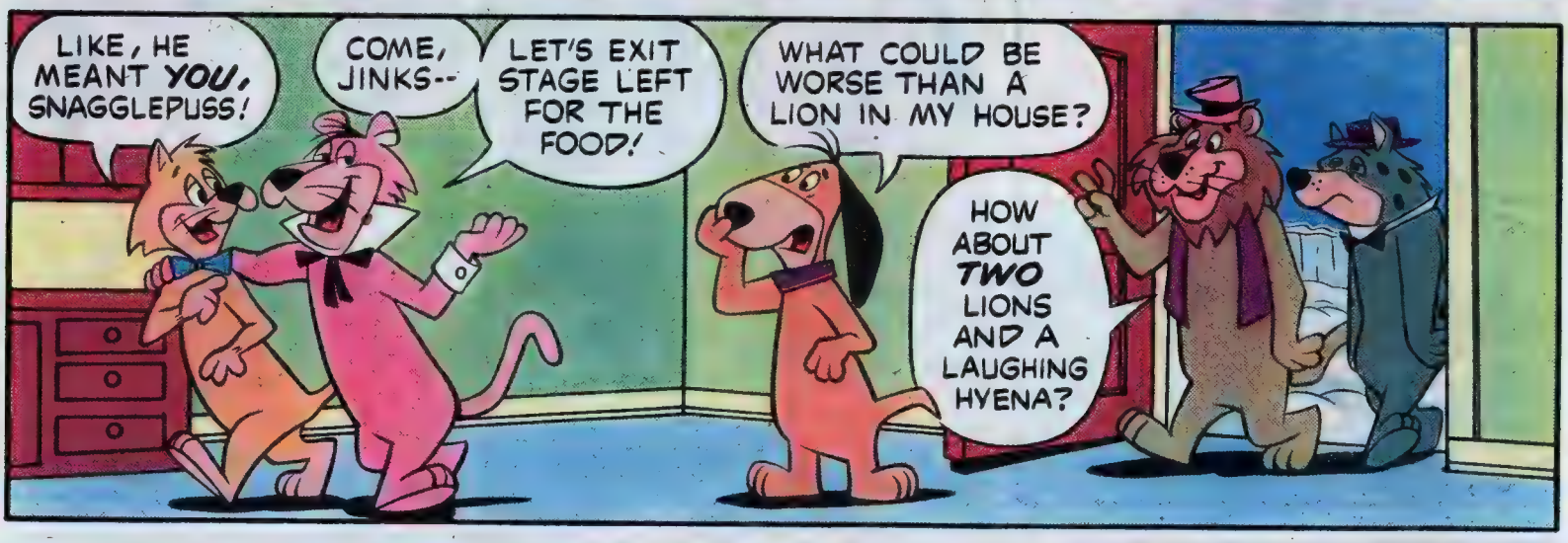
YES ?
GOOD DAY TO YOU, SIR! DO YOU HAVE AN ALLIGATOR VISITING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS?

NO, WE DON'T HAVE AN ALLIGATOR VISITING US FOR CHRISTMAS!
YOU DO NOW! WALLY GATOR AT YOUR SERVICE!

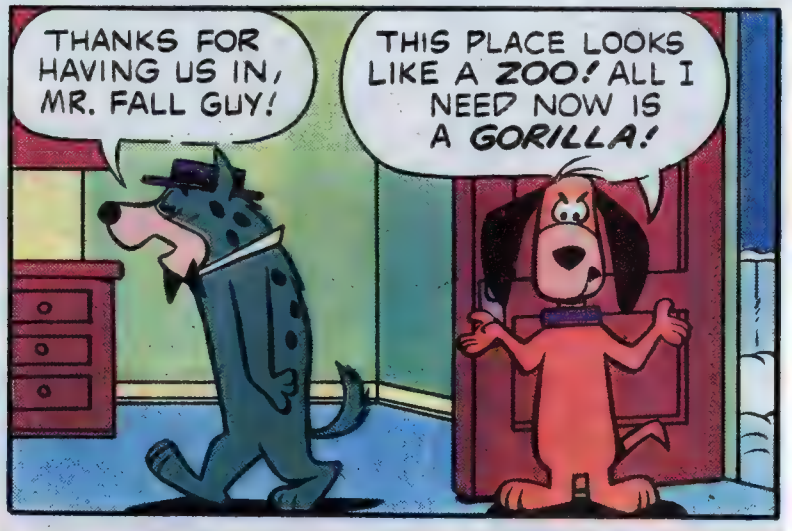
BUT I DON'T WANT AN ALLIGATOR VISITING US AT CHRISTMAS!
I'M NOT EVEN WILD ABOUT THEM VISITING ON ARBOR DAY!
YOU MISERABLE MEECES WON'T GET AWAY!
RUN, PIXIE!

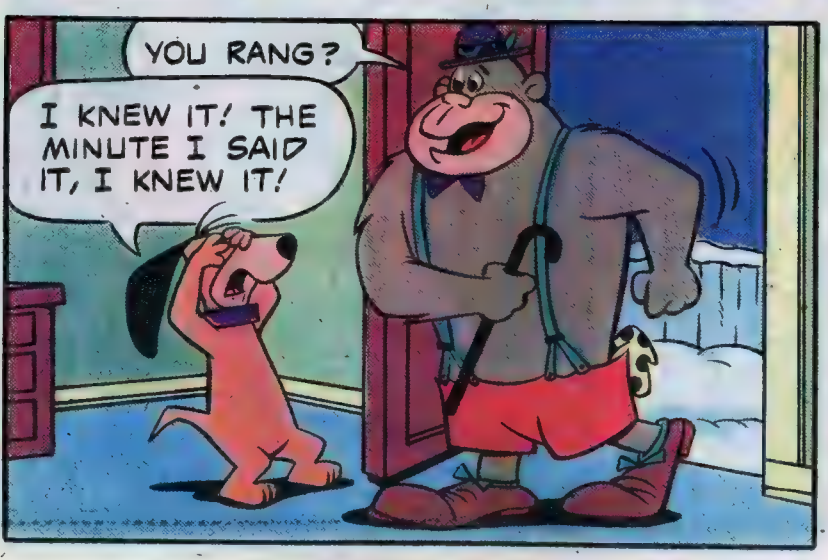
HEY MAN, LIKE UNHAND THE FUR OR MY COUSIN WILL GET REAL SORE!
WHO'S YOUR COUSIN? AN ITTY-BITTY KITTY CAT?

THAT'S MY COUSIN!
EGAD! A MOUNTAIN LION!
WHERE?!
KEEP IT AWAY, KEEP IT AWAY!
HORRID BEASTS, THOSE MOUNTAIN LIONS!


LIKE, HE MEANT YOU, SNAGGLEPUSS!
COME, JINKS--
LET'S EXIT STAGE LEFT FOR THE FOOD!
WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN A LION IN MY HOUSE?
HOW ABOUT TWO LIONS AND A LAUGHING HYENA?

HE'S LIPPY THE LION AND I'M HARDY HAR HAR! WHO ARE YOU?
WHY, I'M THE FALL GUY!


THANKS FOR HAVING US IN, MR. FALL GUY!
THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE A ZOO! ALL I NEED NOW IS A GORILLA!


YOU RANG?
I KNEW IT! THE MINUTE I SAID IT, I KNEW IT!

OKAY, STOP! CEASE! DESIST! HALT! AND STUFF LIKE THAT!

LOOK WHO CAME IN THE FRONT DOOR! IT'S HOKEY WOLF AND DINGALING!
GREETINGS!
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S TIPPECANOE AND TYLER TOO! I'VE HAD IT!

KNOCK! KNOCK!
I DON'T CARE WHO THIS IS, I'M GETTING RID OF HIM... THEN, I GET RID OF EVERYBODY ELSE!

GET LOST! I'M SICK OF YOU FREELOADERS COMING AROUND AND--

OOPS!...
AND I DO MEAN OOPS!
THAT'S VERY FUNNY! I HEARD YOU HAD A GATHERING HERE, DOGGIE DADDY...

...SO I CAME TO TAKE YOU ALL TO A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY! WE MUST HURRY! I'VE GOT LOTS MORE FRIENDS TO PICK UP!
SORRY, DAD... BUT WE CAN BE ALONE TOGETHER, NEXT YEAR-- OKAY?
THAT'S MY BOY WHO SAID THAT!

CHAPTER SEVEN

JETSON'S SURPRISE PRESENT

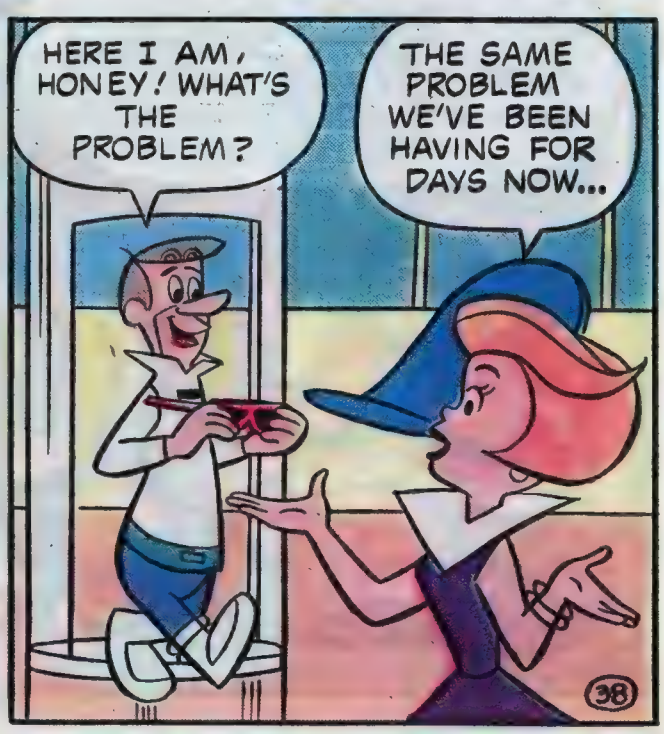
IT IS A CHRISTMAS EVE YET TO COME... AND ALL IS CALM IN THE JETSON HOME... OR, TO BE MORE ACCURATE: AS CALM AS IT EVER GETS...

AH-H! NOTHING LIKE A GOOD OL' HOLIDAY TAN!

FETCH THE STICK, ASTRO!

FETCH IT, BOY!

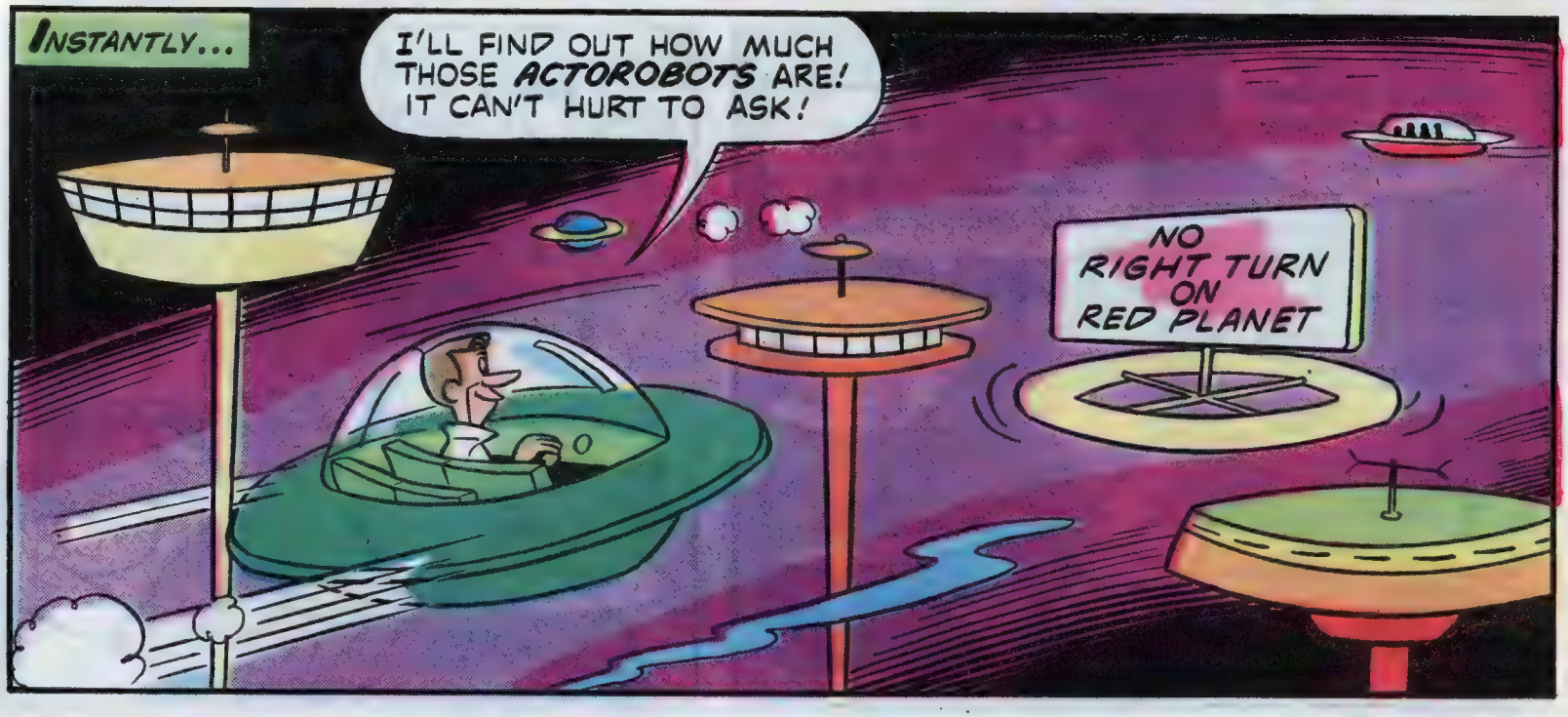
GEORGE! WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH TANNING, COULD I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU IN THE OTHER ROOM?

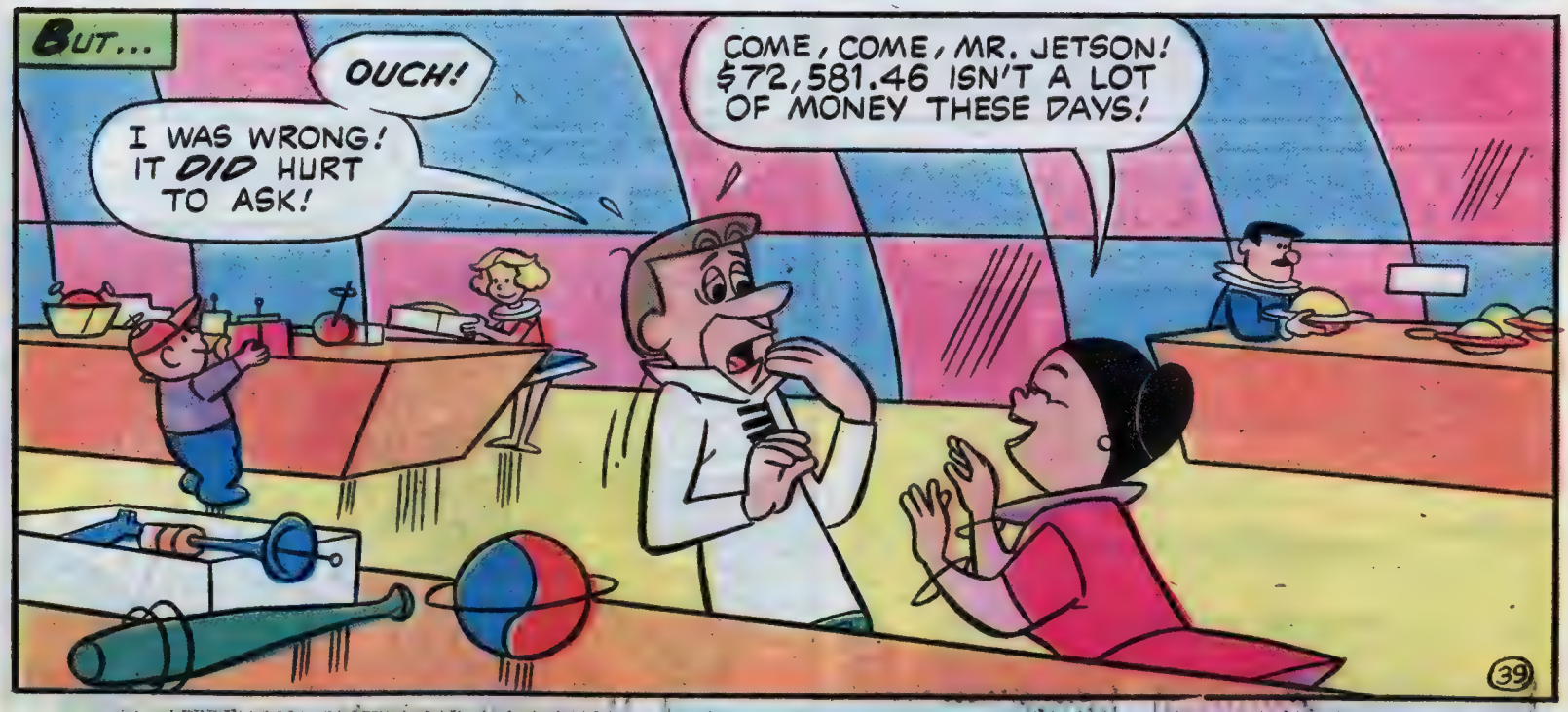


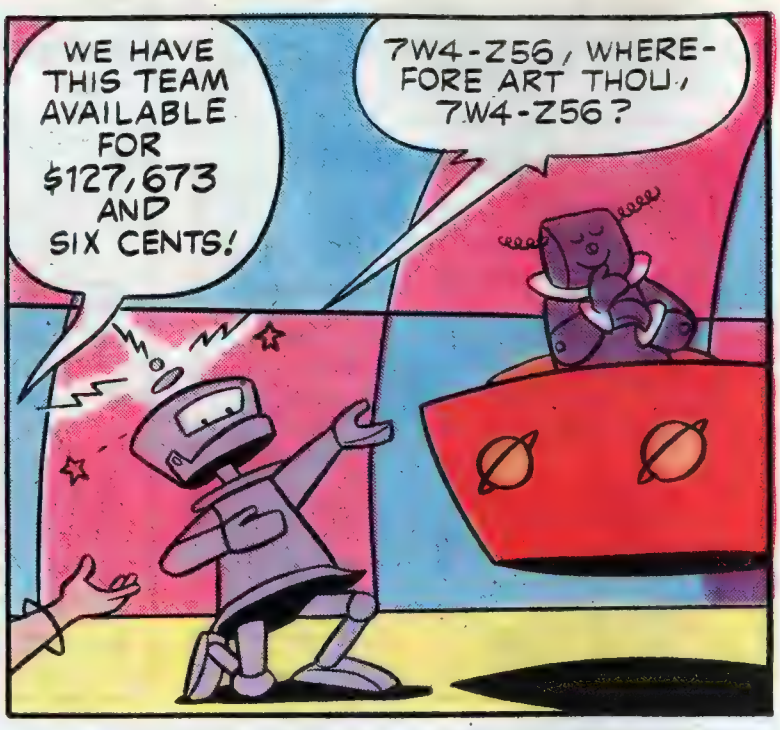
OH, THE WHAT-TO-GET-ELROY-FOR-CHRISTMAS PROBLEM? WELL... I DON'T KNOW!
BEEP! I HAVE AN IDEA WHAT MASTER ELROY MIGHT LIKE...

AN ACTOROBOT? OH, I'VE HEARD OF THEM!

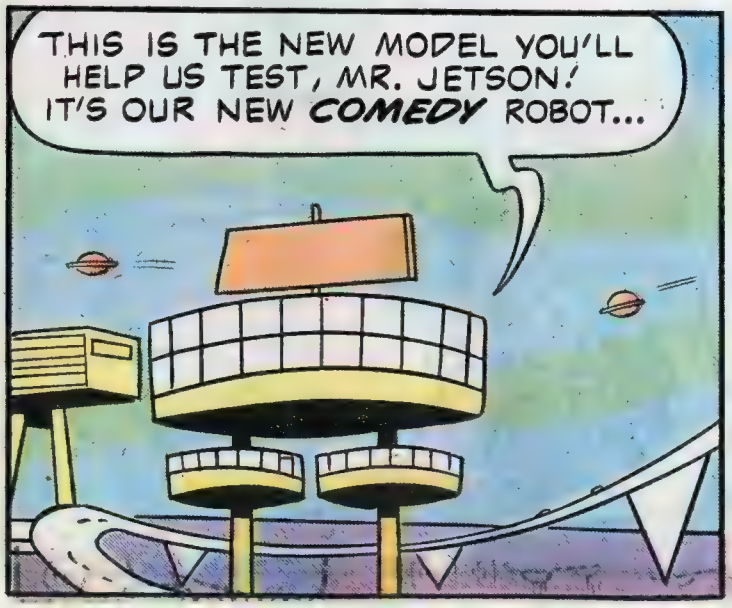
AREN'T THOSE A BIT EXPENSIVE, GEORGE!
NOTHING'S TOO GOOD FOR MY BOY ELROY! I'LL BE BACK!

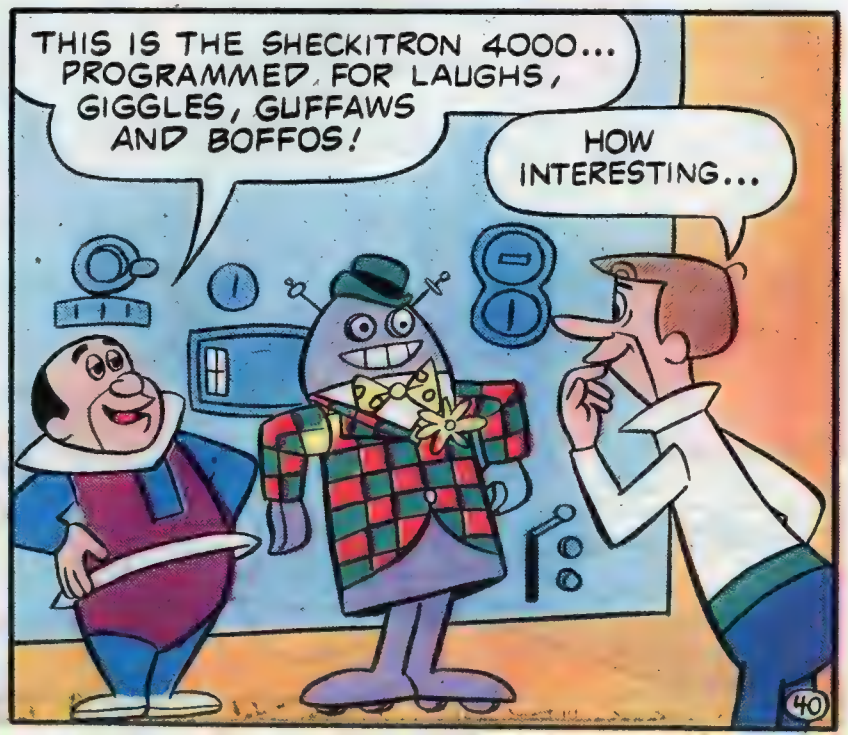

INSTANTLY...
I'LL FIND OUT HOW MUCH THOSE ACTOROBOTS ARE! IT CAN'T HURT TO ASK!
NO RIGHT TURN ON RED PLANET


BUT...
OUCH!
I WAS WRONG! IT DID HURT TO ASK!
COME, COME, MR. JETSON! $72,581.46 ISN'T A LOT OF MONEY THESE DAYS!



QUICKLY, GEORGE IS SHUTTLED TO THE FACTORY TEST CENTER...

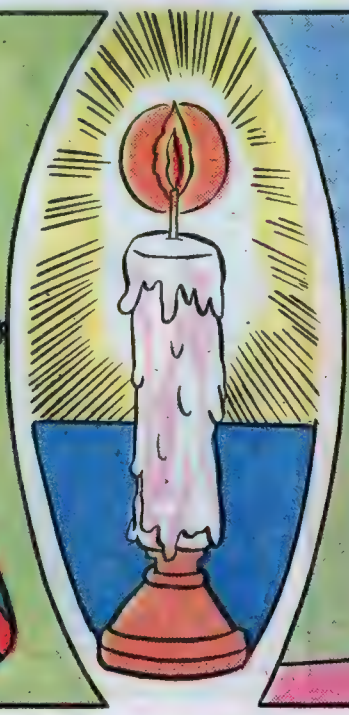


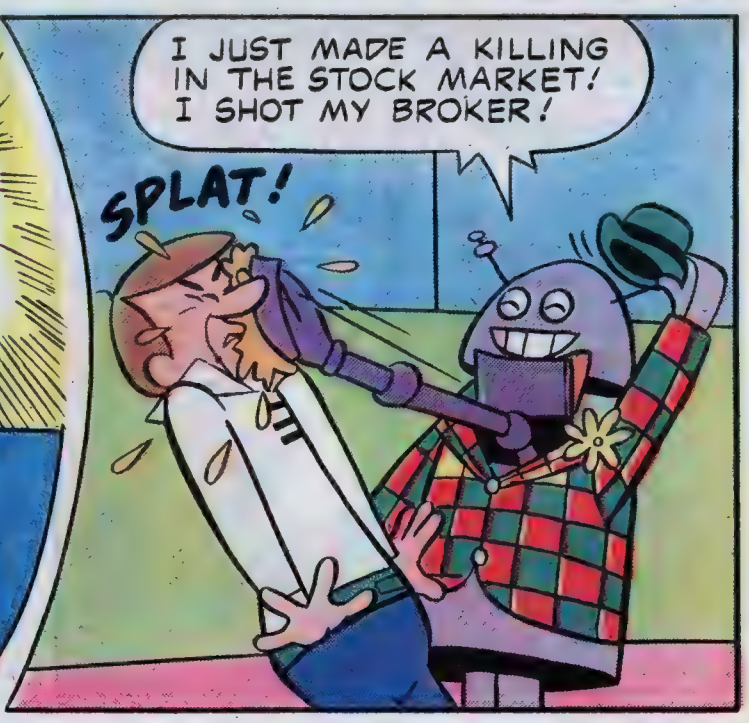


A TRAMP CAME UP TO ME AND SAID HE HADN'T HAD A BITE IN A WEEK -- SO I BIT HIM!
SPRITZ

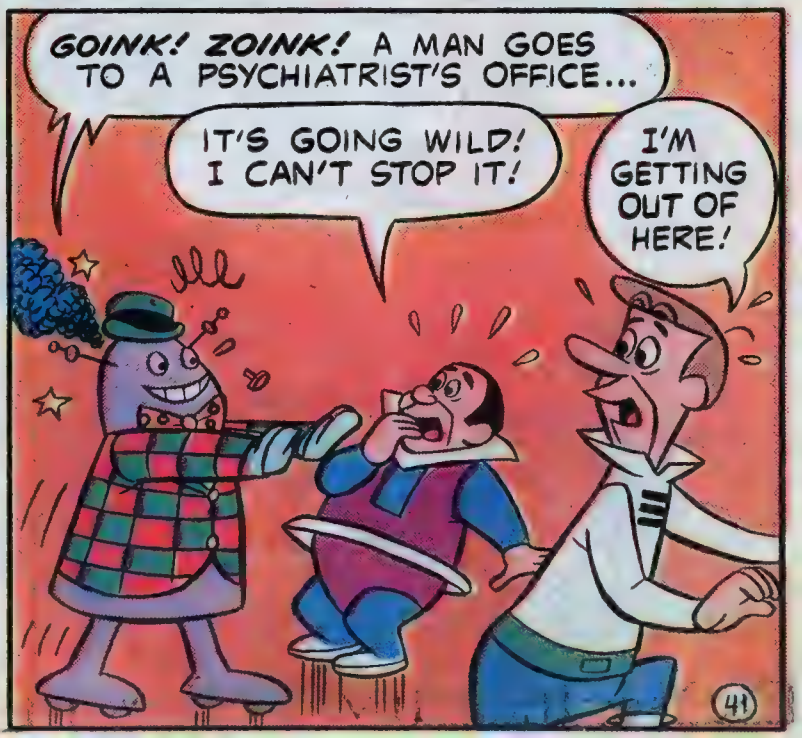
READ THIS!
"SAY, SHECKITRON-- LET ME HAVE THE PIE!"
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

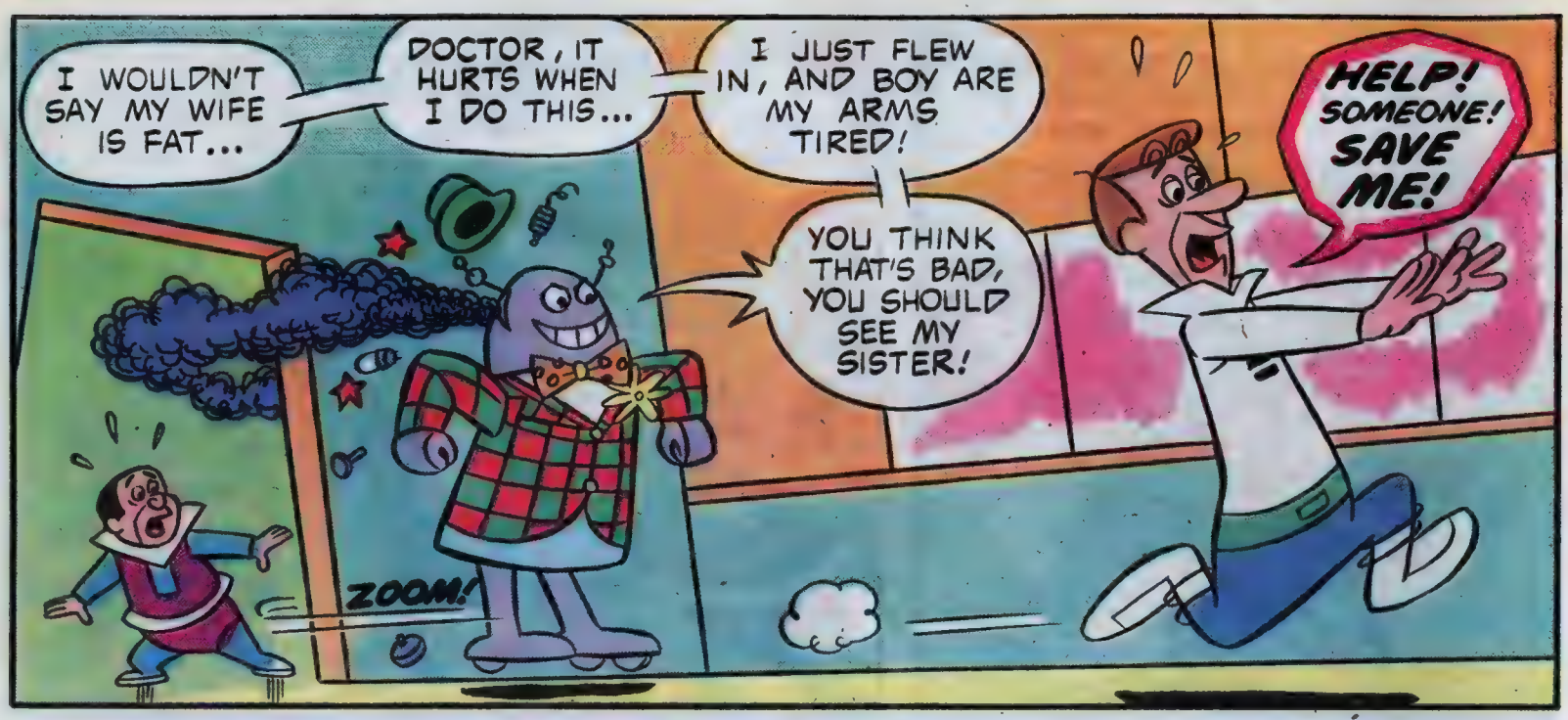
I SAID: "LET ME HAVE THE PIE!"
OKEY-DOKEY!

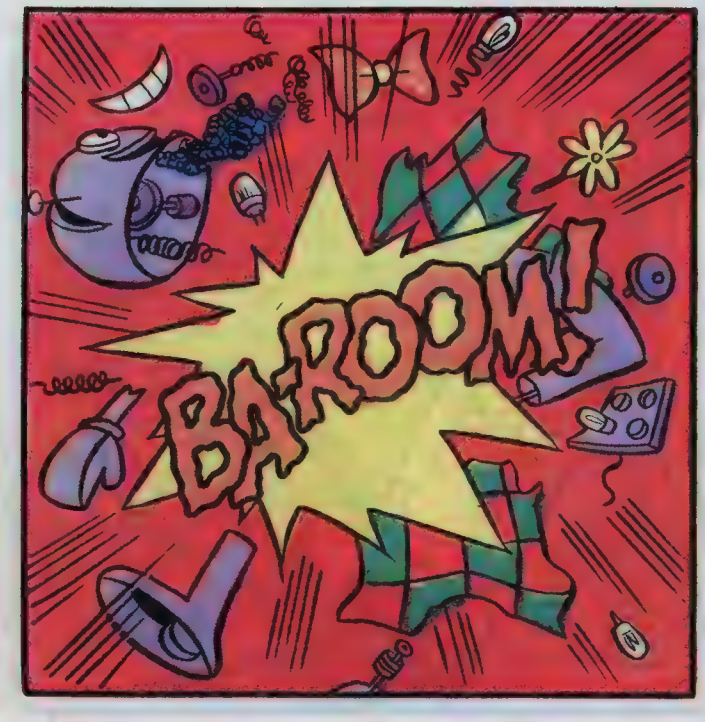


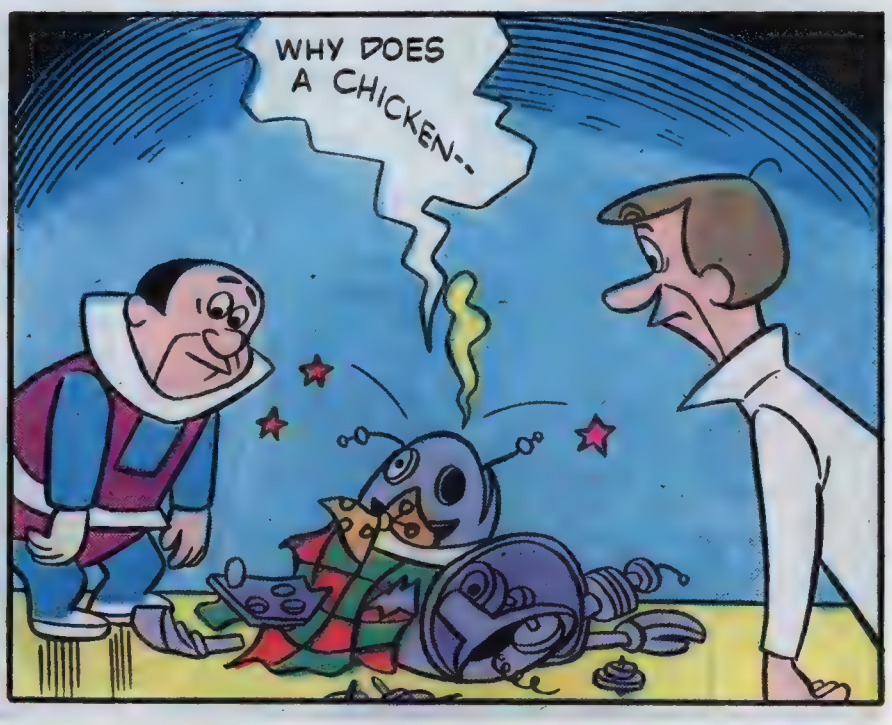

I JUST MADE A KILLING IN THE STOCK MARKET! I SHOT MY BROKER!
SPLAT!

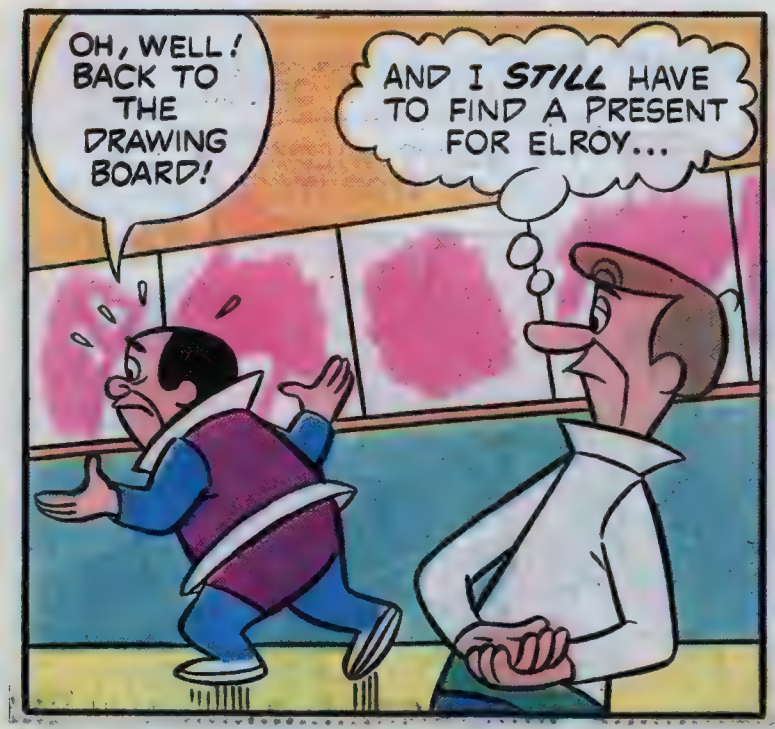
VERY FUNNY...
BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS...
MY HOTEL ROOM'S SO SMALL, I HAVE TO GO OUT IN THE HALL TO CHANGE MY MIND!
BOINK!
BLEEP!

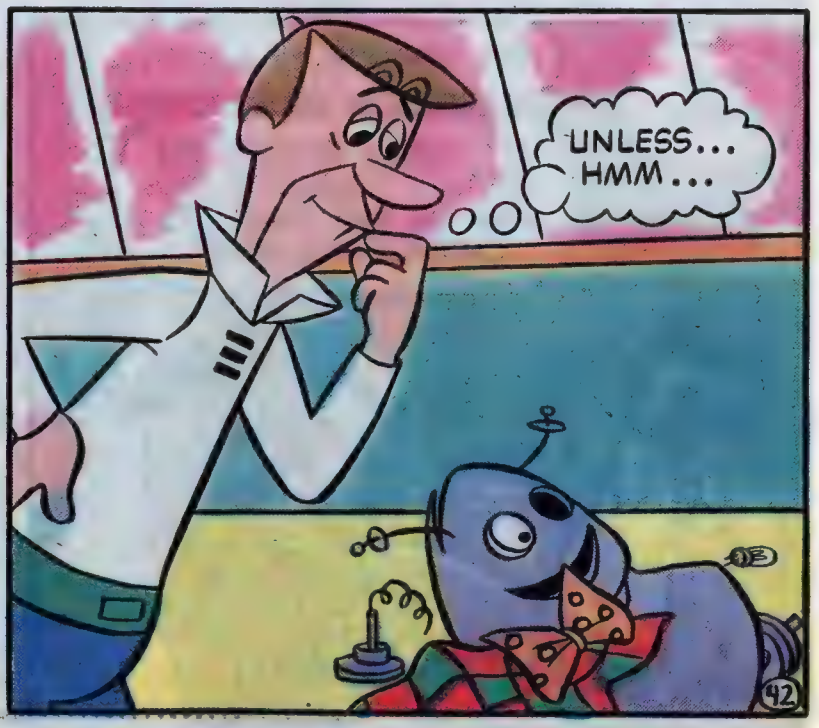

GOINK! ZOINK! A MAN GOES TO A PSYCHIATRIST'S OFFICE...
IT'S GOING WILD! I CAN'T STOP IT!
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

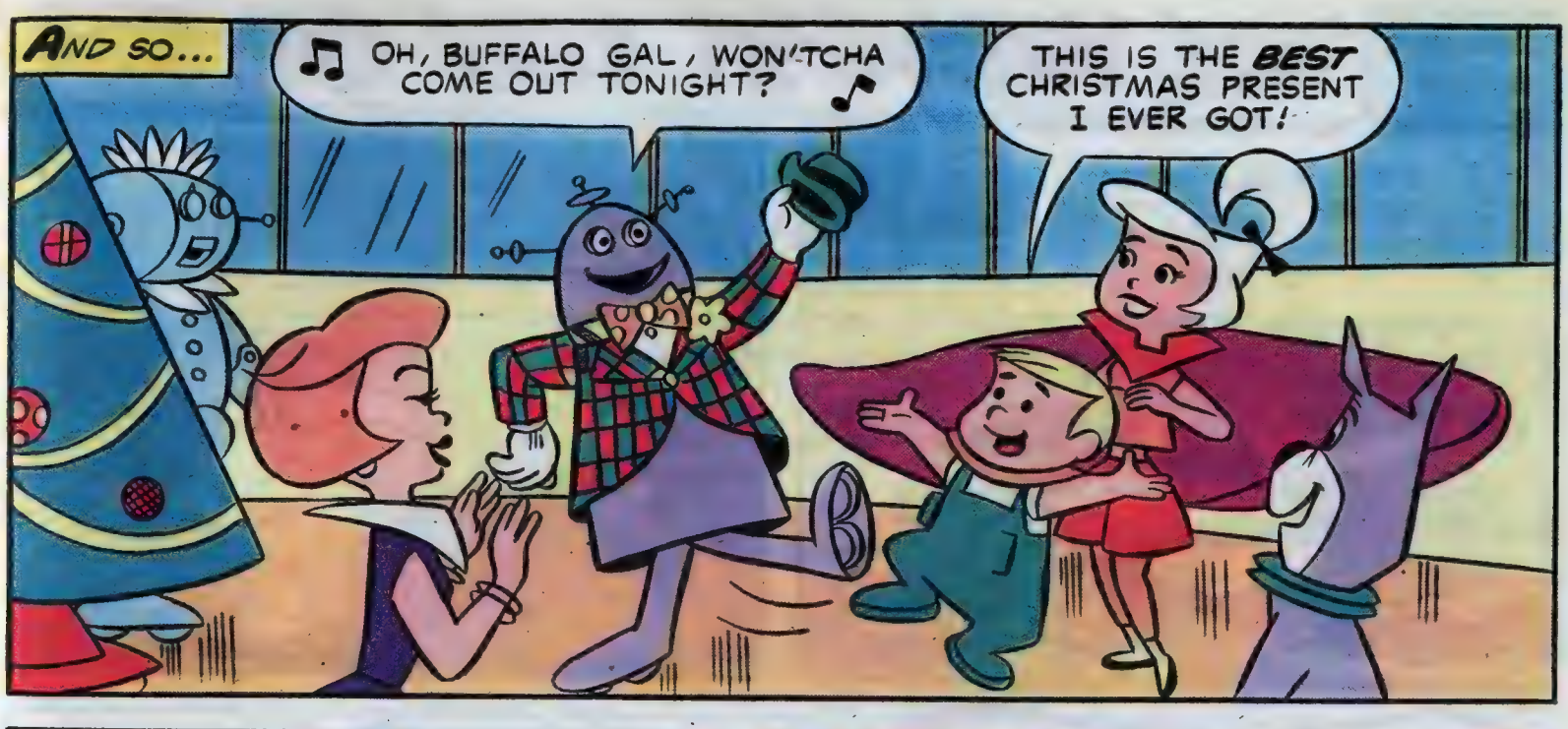

I WOULDN'T SAY MY WIFE IS FAT...
DOCTOR, IT HURTS WHEN I DO THIS...
I JUST FLEW IN, AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED!
YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, YOU SHOULD SEE MY SISTER!
HELP! SOMEONE! SAVE ME!
ZOOM!


BA-ROOM!


WHY DOES A CHICKEN--


OH, WELL! BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD!
AND I STILL HAVE TO FIND A PRESENT FOR ELROY...


UNLESS... HMM...


AND SO...
OH, BUFFALO GAL, WON'TCHA COME OUT TONIGHT?
THIS IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT I EVER GOT!

OH, MY GOODNESS! IT'S SANTA CLAUS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SANTA?
I CAME TO TAKE YOU FOLKS TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY BACK IN TIME!

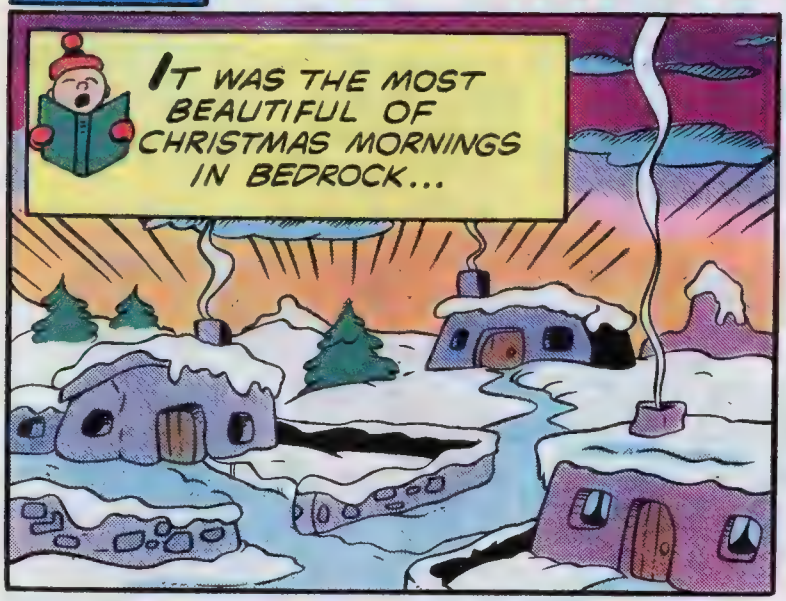
YOU CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME, SANTA?
CERTAINLY! IN FACT, EVERY CHRISTMAS, I HAVE TO "BEND" TIME A LITTLE TO MAKE ALL MY ROUNDS...

MY SLEIGH IS OUTSIDE WITH LOTS OF YOUR FRIENDS!
WAIT, SANTA! I WANT TO COME, TOO!

LOOK, I KNOW IT ISN'T LIKE A REAL ACTOROBOT, BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT THE PRICE...
...AND, WHAT'S MORE, I DON'T HAVE TO BE SERVICED EVERY 50,000 SONGS!

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE HAPPIEST DAY OF ALL



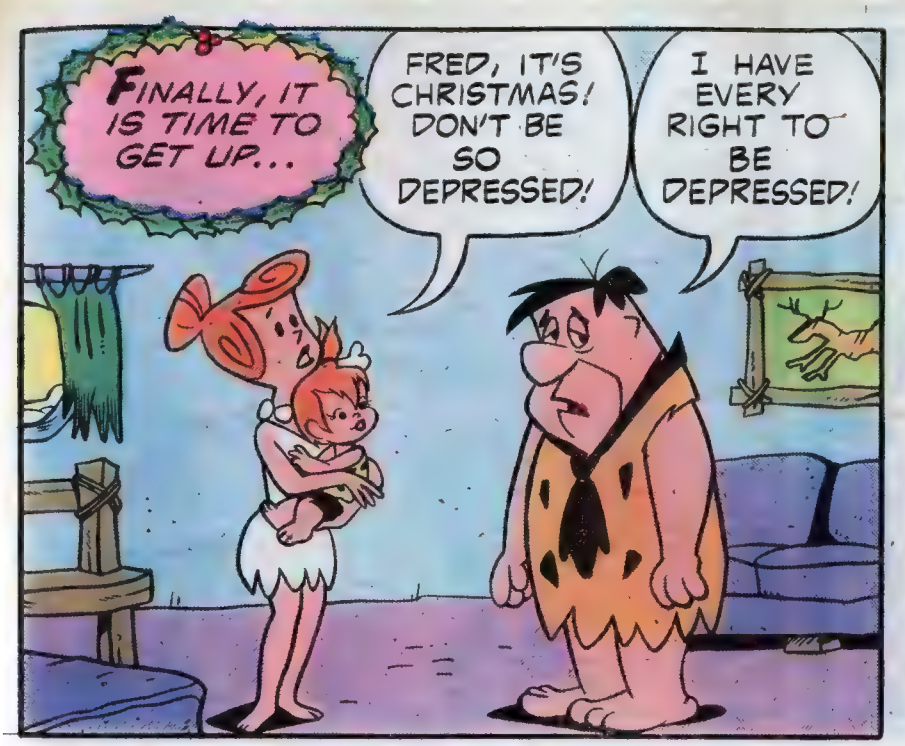
ACROSS TOWN, A JUDGING COMMITTEE WAS IN AWE OF A SINGLE TREE THEY HAD COME ACROSS...

THEY'D BEEN STARING AT IT FOR THE BETTER PART OF AN HOUR BEFORE SOMEONE FINALLY SAID...

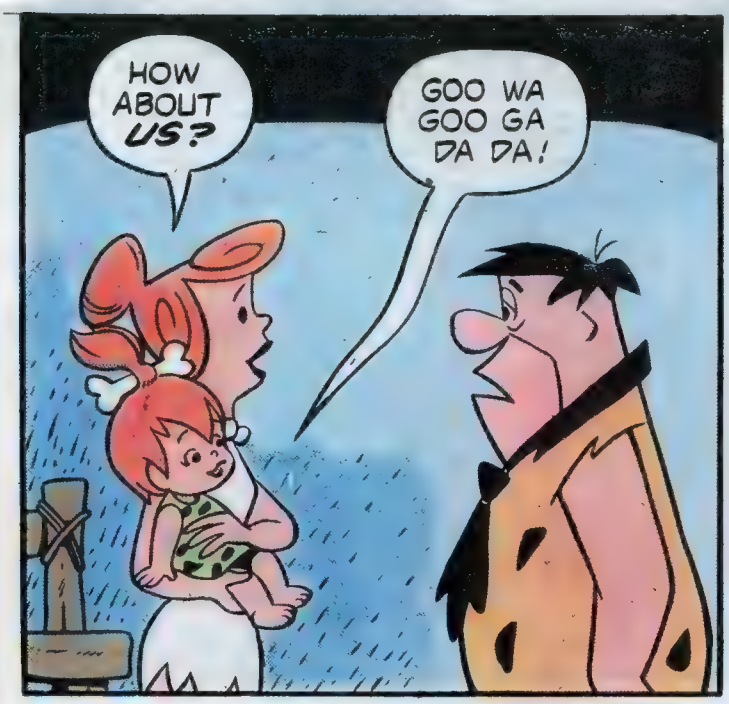
...THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

BEDROCK ORPHANAGE

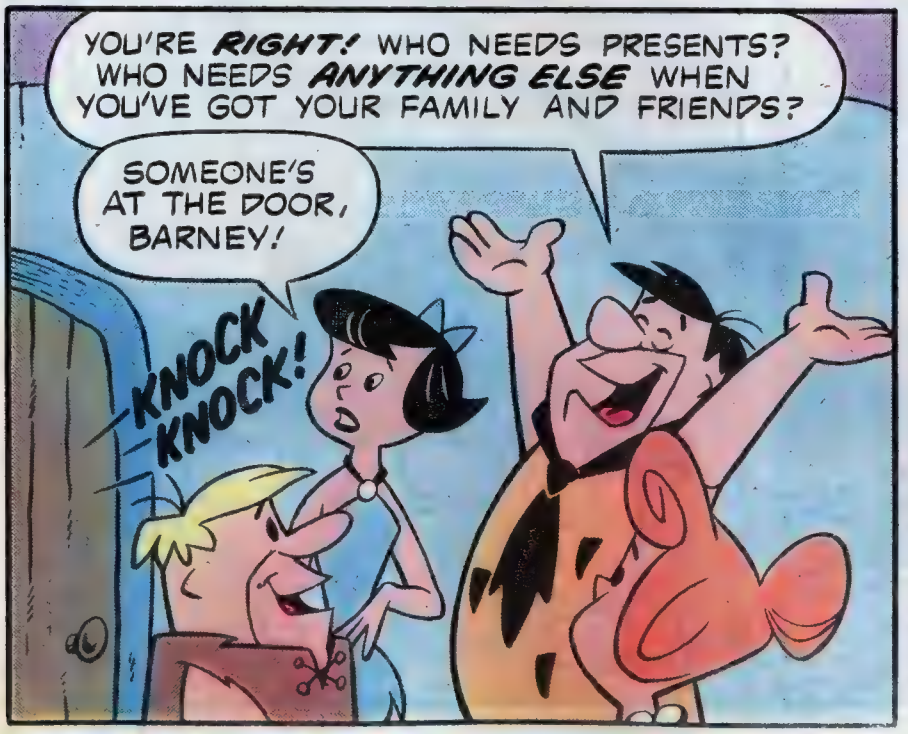
THE TREE THAT SHONE WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS... THAT WAS WHAT THEY COULD NOT TAKE THEIR EYES OFF... AND WITH GOOD REASON.


FINALLY, IT IS TIME TO GET UP...
FRED, IT'S CHRISTMAS! DON'T BE SO DEPRESSED!
I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE DEPRESSED!

WE HAVE NO PRESENTS, WE'RE ABOUT TO LOSE OUR HOME, WE HAVE NO PARTY...
TELL ME, WILMA--WHAT HAVE I GOT TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?


HOW ABOUT US?
GOO WA GOO GA DA DA!

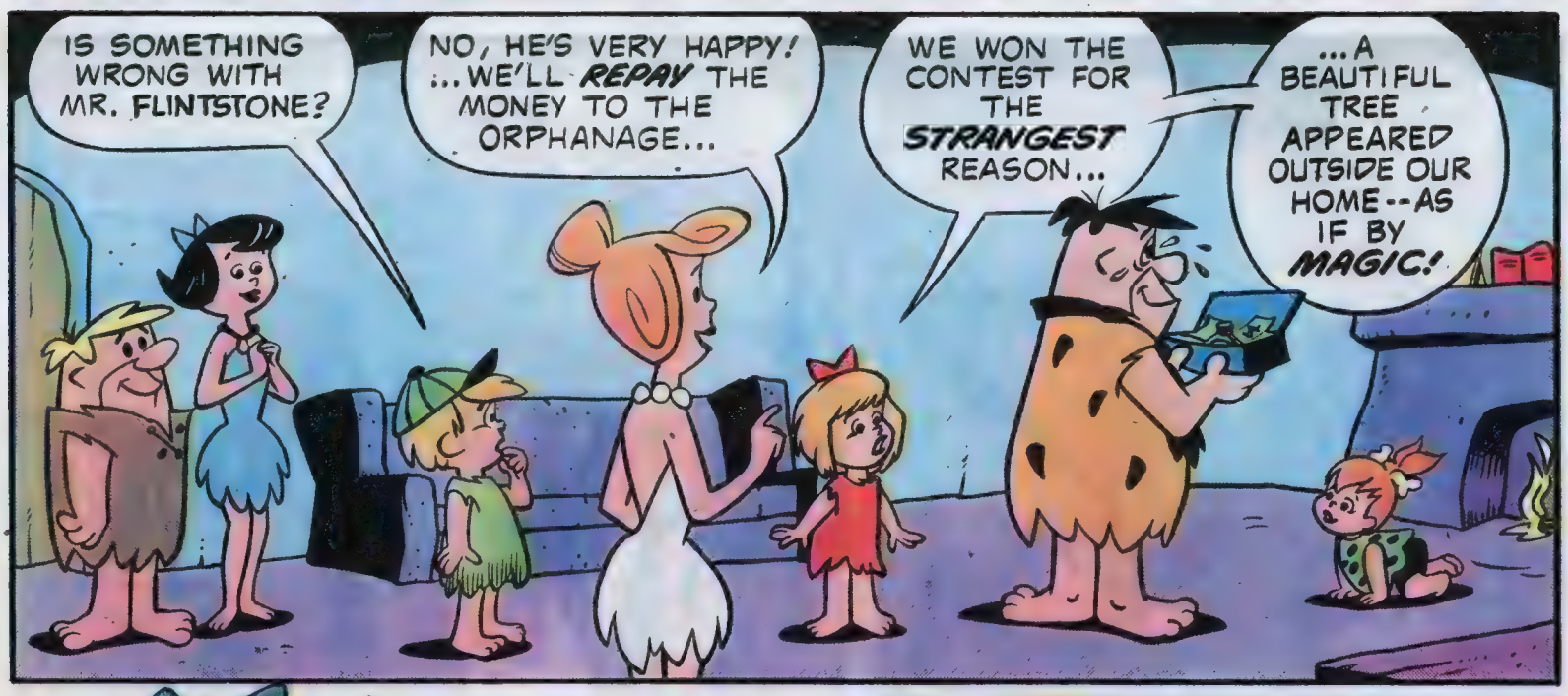
HOW ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?
MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRED... MERRY CHRISTMAS, WILMA!


YOU'RE RIGHT! WHO NEEDS PRESENTS? WHO NEEDS ANYTHING ELSE WHEN YOU'VE GOT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS?
SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR, BARNEY!
KNOCK KNOCK!

MR. RUBBLE, IS MR. FLINTSTONE HERE? WE HEARD ABOUT HIM LOSING HIS HOME...

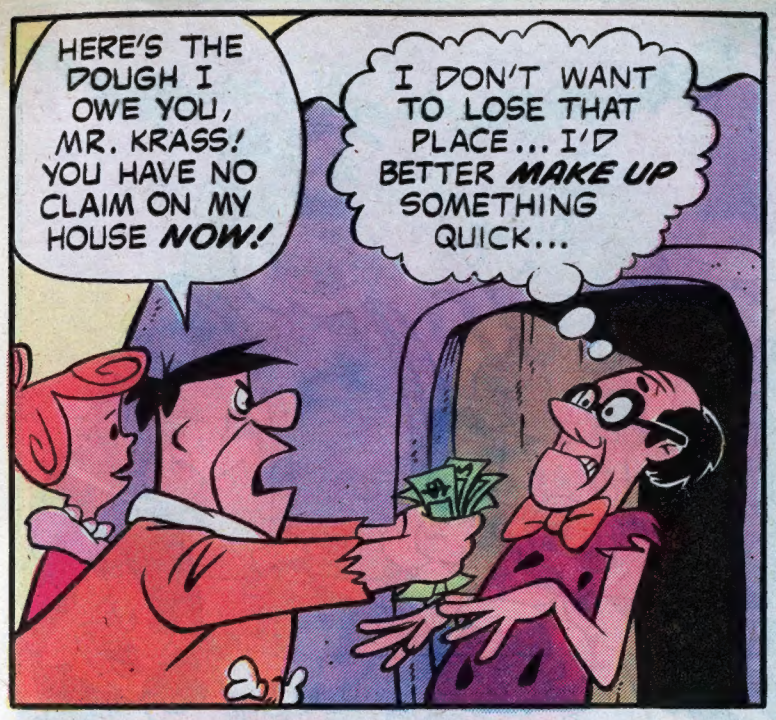
MR. FLINTSTONE, WE'RE FROM THE BEDROCK ORPHANAGE --WE KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'VE HELPED US...
AND WE JUST WON THE "BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATION" CASH PRIZE...

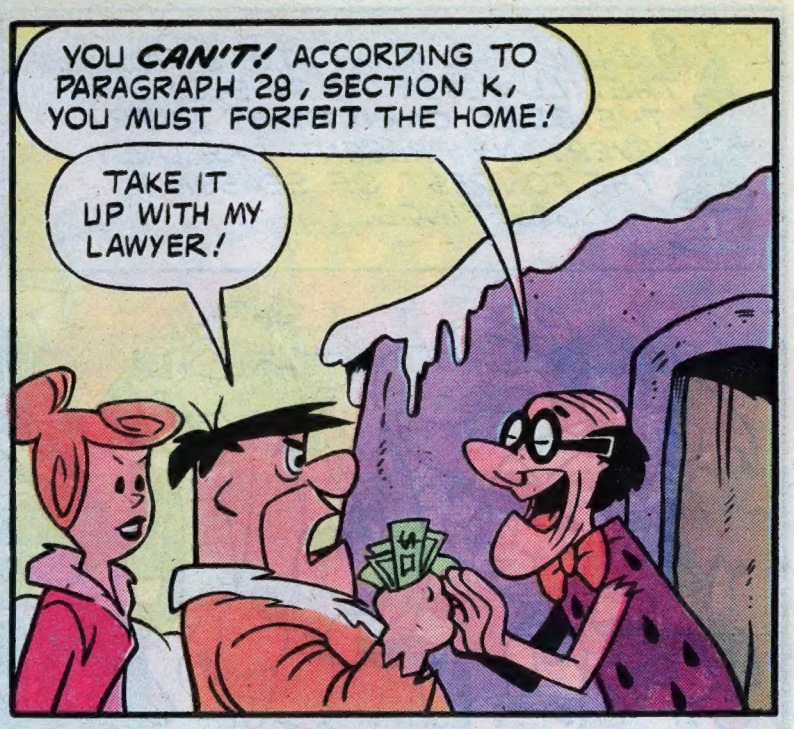
WE WANT YOU TO TAKE THE MONEY AND GET YOUR HOUSE BACK!

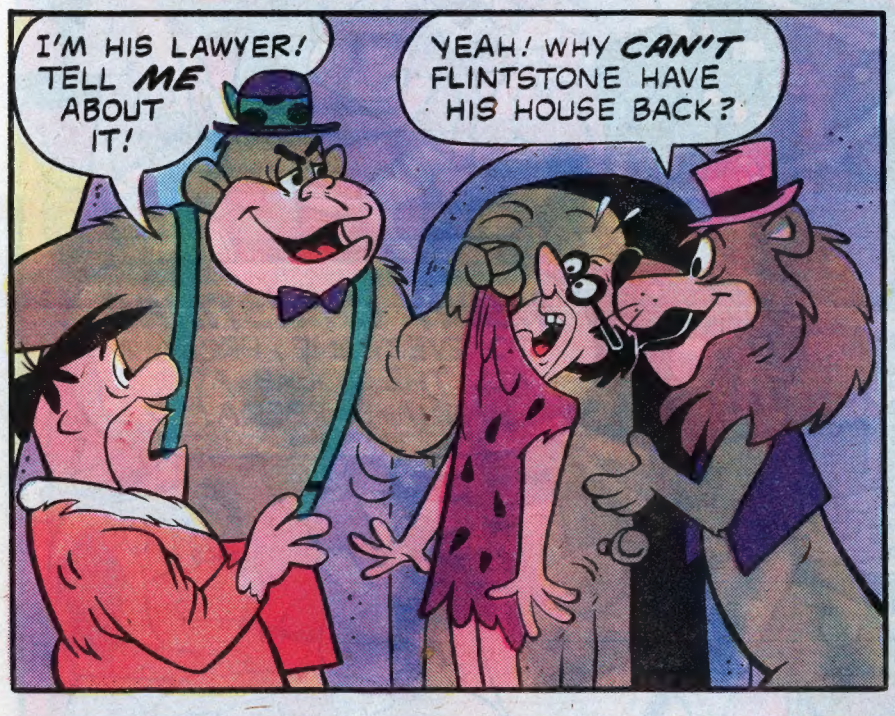

IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH MR. FLINTSTONE?
NO, HE'S VERY HAPPY! ...WE'LL REPAY THE MONEY TO THE ORPHANAGE...
WE WON THE CONTEST FOR THE STRANGEST REASON...
...A BEAUTIFUL TREE APPEARED OUTSIDE OUR HOME--AS IF BY MAGIC!

AS SOON AS FRED PULLS HIMSELF TOGETHER...
WE'RE GONNA GET BACK OUR HOUSE, NOW! I'M GOING OVER TO KRASS'S HOUSE AND PAY HIM BACK THE MONEY RIGHT NOW!

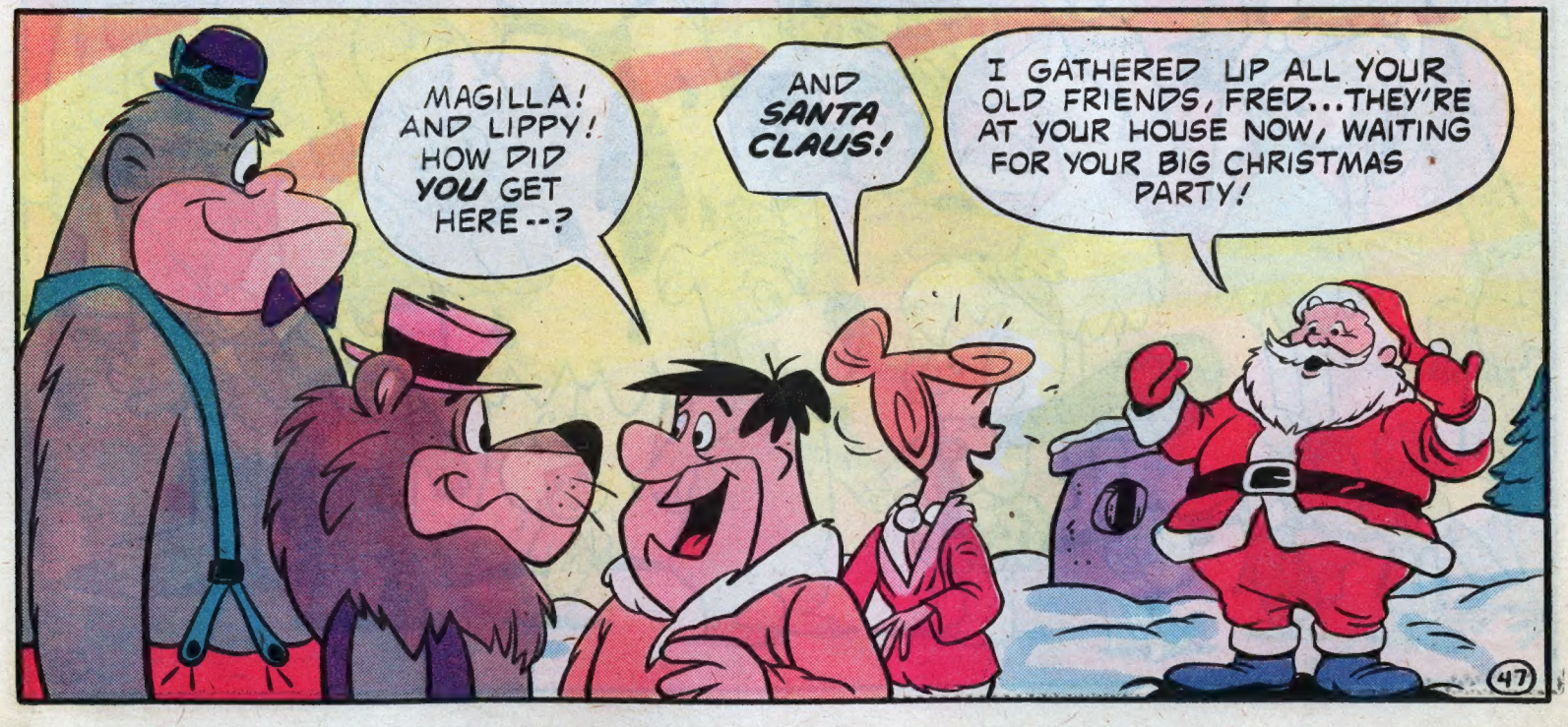
MOMENTS LATER...
KNOCKITY KNOCK KNOCK
NOW, WHO'S KNOCKING ON MY DOOR ON CHRISTMAS MORNING?


HERE'S THE DOUGH I OWE YOU, MR. KRASS! YOU HAVE NO CLAIM ON MY HOUSE NOW!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT PLACE... I'D BETTER MAKE UP SOMETHING QUICK...


YOU CAN'T! ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 28, SECTION K, YOU MUST FORFEIT THE HOME!
TAKE IT UP WITH MY LAWYER!


I'M HIS LAWYER! TELL ME ABOUT IT!
YEAH! WHY CAN'T FLINTSTONE HAVE HIS HOUSE BACK?

IT'S ALL HIS! SEE? I'M TEARING UP THE MORTGAGE!
GOOD-BYE!


MAGILLA! AND LIPPY! HOW DID YOU GET HERE--?
AND SANTA CLAUS!
I GATHERED UP ALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS, FRED...THEY'RE AT YOUR HOUSE NOW, WAITING FOR YOUR BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY!

AROUND THE FLINTSTONE HOUSE, THEY'LL REFER TO THIS ONE AS THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER! EVERYONE PRESENT HAS ONLY THE FONDEST OF SEASON'S GREETINGS...
...AND TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE, FROM ALL THE FOLKS AT HANNA-BARBERA!

SCOOBY DOO'S Christmas CHUCKLER

HELP SCOOBY FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS FRIENDS ARE SAYING!
THE KEY TO THIS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CODE IS BELOW!

ALWAYS	COULD	GETS	HANGS	HEADACHE
HIS	A	SHAGGY	GIVE	TO
FORGETS	UP	TAKE	HOW	STOCKING
HIM	AND	THAT	FIRST	OFF

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS . . .

. . . AND A *FUNTASTIC* NEW YEAR!